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Mr Callaghan failed to meet Service chiefs on pay

The Prime Minister failed last week to receive the Service Chiefs of Staff, who were worried about the Armed Forces pay review, then being considered by the Cabinet. It was said that the "timing" had proved difficult. Number 10 Downing Street said last night that the Service chiefs' request was later withdrawn.

'Timing' difficulty seen as a snub

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Service Chiefs of Staff tried to see the Prime Minister last week because they were worried about the outcome of the Armed Forces pay review, but their request was rejected.

News of their last-ditch attempt to ensure an equitable settlement emerged yesterday as Servicemen were still digesting the effects of the award that the Government announced on Tuesday.

The chiefs are understood to have made an urgent request for a meeting because they feared that the Government might suddenly present them with a fait accompli that would have fallen far short of expectations.

The reason given for the Prime Minister's failure to see them is that the "timing" proved difficult. Mr Callaghan could find no time in his busy schedule to accommodate the officers, especially as Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of the Defence Staff, was due to leave on a visit to Hongkong and China last Sunday.

But the reluctance of senior officers to discuss the incident last night left the clear impression that the chiefs felt at the time that they had been snubbed.

A Whitehall source said: "It is all water under the bridge now. Had the pay award turned out to be completely unacceptable it would have been a different matter." But he admitted that the matter was sensitive.

As it is most senior officers seem to feel that, while the award is less than they would have liked, it is a satisfactory compromise in the circumstances and certainly does not warrant a running battle with the Government.

Meetings between the Chiefs of Staff and the Prime Minister are rare but by no means unprecedented, even on the subject of Forces' pay. In February, 1970, they requested, and were granted, a meeting with Sir Harold Wilson to discuss the pay review for that year, the year in which the present military salary was introduced.

In December, 1976, they again exercised their traditional right when they met Mr Callaghan to argue their case against further defence cuts under the Government's forthcoming economic package.

Apart from Sir Neil Cameron, the present Chiefs of Staff are Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, General Sir Roland Gibbs and air Chief Marshal *Sir Michael Beetham.*

Certainly the Forces want to remove any suspicion of dissatisfaction with the support they have received from Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, who is understood to have fought hard on their behalf for the best deal that could be achieved.

The pay award that Mr Callaghan announced on Tuesday gives the Services a 13 per cent pay award backdated to April 1, and an extra 1 per cent in the form of improved allowances and a standstill on further rises in accommodation charges.

It also promises them further rises in April, 1979, and April, 1980, which should help to regain comparability with civilian incomes for equivalent jobs.

The award was based upon the report of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay which said that Service pay had slipped behind civilian earnings by an average of 32 per cent as a side-effect of government policies on pay restraint.

Sir Harold Atcherley, chairman of the review body, said yesterday that pay restraint measures designed for industry could not be applied fairly to the Armed Forces. The review body had made that abundantly clear.

"*It is our job* to make the position plain to the Government: it is for the Government to act", he explained to members of the Royal United Services Institute, most of them either serving or former officers.

He added, however, that unless some way was found of maintaining the Services' position in relation to the outside world pay systems based on comparability "may fall into disrepute and need to be replaced".

Our political editor writes: A 10 Downing Street spokesman told me last night: "Last Wednesday the Chiefs of Staff asked to see the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister agreed to see them, but their request for a meeting at this time was subsequently withdrawn."

Last Thursday morning the full Cabinet decided the Armed Forces pay package.

Rift remains as Labour accepts EEC elections

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

After months of prevarication and dispute the Labour Party formally decided yesterday to fight the direct elections *to the European Parliament.*

But that the rift within the party over the European Community remains as wide as ever was shown in the grudging resolution approved by the national executive committee.

It reaffirmed the executive's opposition to the principle of direct elections to the European Assembly, but continued: "In the event of the proposed Bill being passed, the national executive would not wish to let the mounting feeling of dissatisfaction with the EEC go unrepresented and therefore believes that the Labour Party should contest the elections".

An attempt by pro-marketeers to delete the reference to "the mounting feeling of dissatisfaction" was defeated by 17 votes to five. Mr Tom Bradley, a moderate, said the phrase was unnecessary, provocative and offensive to hard-working members of the party who were in favour of the community.

Mr Bradley was supported by Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr John Cartwright, who is chairman of the Manifesto Group of centre-right Labour backbenchers, and Mr Alan Hadden, of the Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers.

The full motion was adopted by 17 votes to nil, the five abstaining. Mrs Williams asked that her abstention should be recorded in the minutes.

Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary, said afterwards that the decision meant that the party had been given the signal *to begin preparations to contest* the elections, to be held next May or June.

He thought the party would begin choosing candidates in the autumn. The method of selection would be as for a Westminster election except that each European Parliament seat would embrace a number of constituencies.

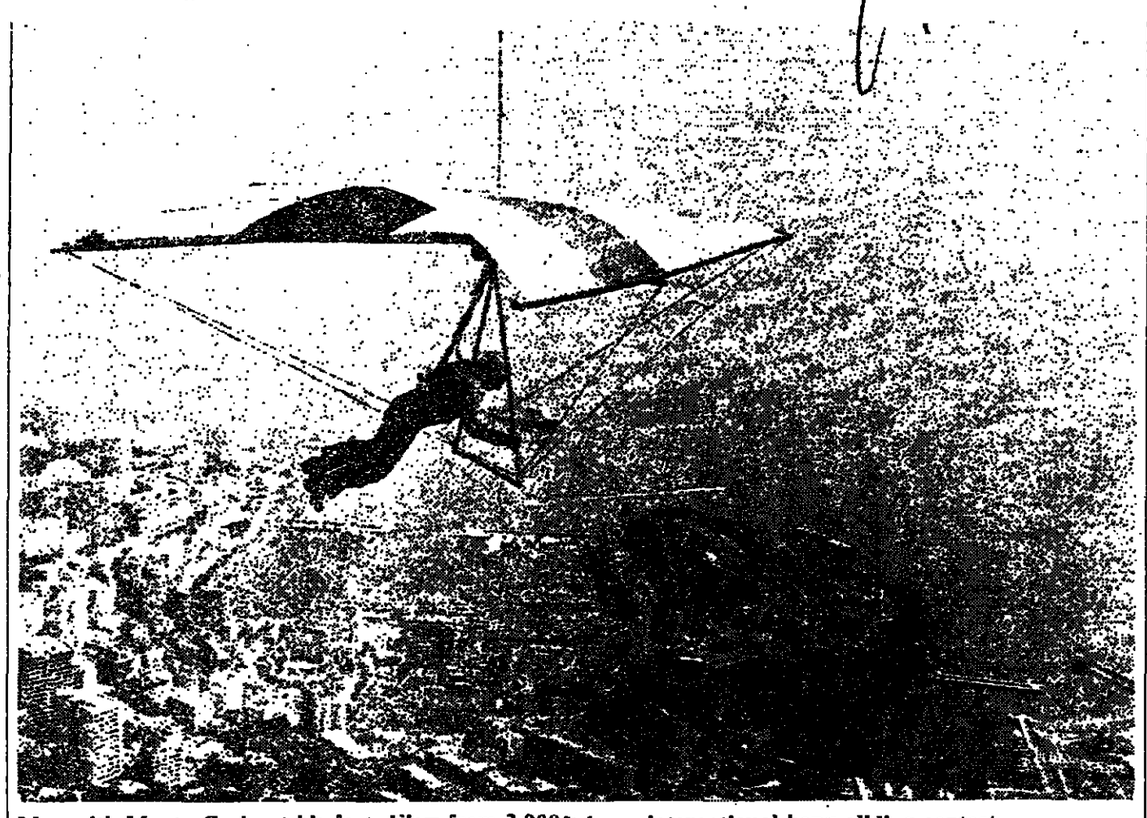
The executive also decided to publish today a report on the reform of the House of Commons, although it is only a discussion and not a policy document.

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the House, was among those *who complained that there had* been no consultation with the Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr Michael Cox, the Government Chief Whip, said it was like throwing sand in the machine.

It was agreed that there should be formal consultations with the PLP and that any *amendments* would be considered at next month's meeting of the executive.

Jail for robber

Grasse, April 26.—Albert Spaggiara, aged 42, suspected of masterminding France's biggest bank robbery—the "sewer rat" raid in Nice—was sentenced in absentia today to 10 years' jail for possessing arms and explosives. Since his escape from a Nice courtroom there have been reports that M Spaggiari has fled to South America.



Man with Monte Carlo at his feet. View from 3,000ft in an international hang-gliding contest.

Thief who lost eye sues his victim for damages

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 26

A man charged with the manslaughter of one thief and causing wilful bodily harm to another has become the focus of a protest that is attracting widespread support in France.

M Lionel Legras, aged 50 is a respected garage owner and family man at Villeneuve-la-Grande, near Troyes, and it all began when his weekend cottage in the woods near by was broken into on no fewer than 12 occasions. Exasperated by the loss of property and damage to the cottage, M Legras issued a warning to local thieves.

"If they come again", he announced publicly, "it will cost them dear." He placed a sign outside the house which read: "No trespassing; danger of death."

But thieves struck a thirteenth time ignoring the warning. This time the price was high. A transistor radio which had been carefully booby-trapped exploded as they tried to remove it from a locked cupboard. One thief died instantly, the other suffered severe injuries, including the loss of an eye.

The survivor took M Legras to court for damages and the local prosecutor brought charges of manslaughter and wilful injury.

The people of Villeneuve-la-Grande reacted indignantly. "It's a bit much", they say. "Now the thief is demanding reparation from his victim."

They rallied to M Legras's defence, taking up a petition which now bears 6,000 signatures. The petition has been sent to the court, the Troyes tribunal, by the Association for Legitimate Self-Defence.

M Legras told the court: "I did not imagine my trap could kill a thief. I hoped it would only wound him slightly so that he could be identified, later, by the police."

Maitre Henri-René Garaud, M Legras's counsel, asked the petty court to declare itself incompetent and send the case to the Assizes. "He wants to be acquitted, and to be found innocent by a popular jury, that is to say by men like himself."

There is no doubt that in the present state of French opinion, its complaints about the excessive indulgence of judges, and the ineffectiveness of police protection, he would be.

Maitre Garaud also protests against the impudence of a thief who dared to demand *110,000 francs (about £13,000)* damages. "After half ruining him by robbing him, he now appeals to the courts to ruin his victim completely. Is one going to regard theft as respectable work, and compensate thieves for labour accidents?"

The public prosecutor said: "An individual has no right to kill in any circumstances. Human life comes before the protection of property.

"M Legras did not wish to kill, but took the risk of doing so. He is entitled to very wide extenuating circumstances. But I ask for a penalty of principle, if only to discourage the creation of private militias."

The court deferred its verdict for a month.

Mr Lance faces flood of complaints

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, April 26

A 90-page complaint was filed today in Federal Court by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency against Mr Bert Lance, the former director of the White House Office of Management and Budget and one of President Carter's closest friends.

The complaint outlines a vast number of allegations of fraud and other violations of securities and banking laws by Mr Lance and the two banks he formerly headed, the National Bank of Georgian and the Calhoun Bank in Georgia. Mr Lance and the banks have not contested the allegations.

They have entered into a consent decree in court in Georgia with the SEC and the Comptroller's Office under which they neither deny nor admit their guilt. They have, however, agreed in court to a number of specific undertakings.

Mr Lance, for example, states in a letter to the authorities that in the next six months he will not be involved in the management or control of any bank and "if thereafter I should return to the management or control of a bank, I would give you and any other appropriate federal regulatory agency 60 days' advance written notice prior to such involvement".

This essentially means that Mr Lance, who has been involved in banking for almost 30 years, will not be able to take an important position in a *bank without the agreement* in advance of the authorities. This is an unprecedented undertaking, according to SEC officials.

It was only a few months ago, after Mr Lance had defended himself against allegations of banking irregularities before the Senate governmental affairs committee, that the President embraced his old friend and declared "Bert, I am proud of you".

Although Mr Lance resigned from office, he has been a most frequent visitor to the White House in recent months and the long list of allegations now presented against him—none of them denied by him—raises serious questions about Mr *Carter's judgment in originally* appointing Mr Lance to one of the highest positions in his Administration.

The complaint alleges that on dozens of occasions Mr Lance violated securities and banking laws by arranging large over-

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Moro tip-off proves false

Rome, April 26.—Police scoured farmland between Rome and Anzio today in a futile search for Signor Aldo Moro after a woman telephoned a newspaper and said the kidnapped former Prime Minister had been set free.

The anonymous call briefly raised hopes that the Red Brigades had relented on their threat to kill him despite the Government's refusal to free 13 imprisoned terrorists.

BSC borrowing limit to be raised £1,500m

In a surprise move the Government yesterday tabled the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill setting out a ceiling of up to £5,500m on the borrowing limits of the British Steel Corporation. The proposed ceiling, an increase of £1,500m on the present level, compares with the widely expected increase of £1,000m. The Bill had been intended to accompany the White Paper and a BSC document, *Prospects for Steel* outlining the corporation's investment strategy. But the Department of Industry last night offered no explanation for the Bill's unscheduled appearance, nor the unheralded increase in the proposed borrowing limit. The White Paper is the Government's answer to the highly critical report by the Commons Select Committee on Nationalized Industries Page 21

Liberals insist on 2p tax cut

The Liberal Party last night tabled tax cut amendments to the Budget proposals amounting to more than £1,000m. The Liberals are determined to secure a 2p reduction in the standard rate of income tax. They also want an extension of the standard rate from £6,250 to £7,250: which would remove 240 000 people from the higher rates, and cut the top rate to 75 per cent Page 2

Stiff rises in French prices

The French Cabinet has decided to order a steep increase in transport fares and the price of utilities, in a post-election move that is likely to bring considerable adverse reaction from the unions. Rail tickets will cost 15 per cent more, postage 20 per cent more, and heating fuels and electricity 9 to 10 per cent more Page 7

Tin mine closure to cost 418 jobs

Wheal Jane, the Cornish tin mine owned by Consolidated *Gold Fields, is to be closed with* the loss of 418 jobs. The mine has been losing money for several years, but pressure to save it is expected from trade unionists and Mr David Penhaligon, the local MP Page 21

Bans remain on Patriotic Front

The Executive Council of the interim Rhodesian Government decided against immediately lifting the ban on Zapu and *Zanu, two nationalist groupings* in the Patriotic Front. Although such a move is expected soon, the Government is concerned with the more important problem of achieving a ceasefire Page 8

Broader exams system proposed

A broader examination system for pupils aged 18 plus is proposed in a discussion document published by the Schools council. Normal level and further level tests would replace A levels. Views are invited before the council makes its recommendations *by the end of next* March Page 3

Soviet UN chief seeks asylum

Mr Arkady Shevchenko announced in New York that he had formally left his post as the senior Soviet official at the United Nations. He said he was seeking asylum in the United States Page 9

Dollar helped by trade figures

A decline in America's balance of trade deficit in March strengthened the dollar and set *share prices climbing. The fall* supported contentions by the Treasury that the trade position was improving Page 21

Mogadishu jails woman hijacker

A woman who was the only hijacker to survive the German commando raid last October on a Lufthansa jet at Mogadishu airport has been jailed for 20 years in Somalia. No appeal is allowed Page 10

Frank Maple is jailed in Austria

Frank Maple, who is wanted by *Scotland Yard, has been sen*tenced by an Austrian court to nine years' imprisonment for robbing a Kitzbühel hotel. He is wanted for questioning over an £8m bank robbery in London Page 7

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Germans die in Nablus bomb attack

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, April 26

Two teenage West Germans performing volunteer humanitarian war kin Israel as atonement for German crimes against Jews were killed this afternoon in a terrorist bomb attack on their bus in Nablus. Five others were injured.

All the casualties belonged to a group of 34 young men and women organized by the German Lutheran Church to spend a year in Israel working with aged, handicapped and other needy. During the passover vacation this week, the volunteers were gathered from al over the country for a four-day tour of Galilee.

They travelled in an Arab-owned bus operaed by the Orient Taxi Company of East Jerusalem. It was parked in the main square of Nablus while the tourists called at the home of a local official.

After they returned to the bus for the last leg of their tour *back to Jerusalem, the explo*sion occurred. An Israel Radio reporter in Nablus said the bomb was thrown through an open window.

Duchess of Kent in hospital

The Duchess of Kent was admitted to hospital yesterday for a gall bladder operation. She is expected to spend about ten days in King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, London, and will probably be operated on today.

The duchess, who is 45, was *driven to the hospital by the* Duke of Kent.

Union leaders and Cabinet expected to each an understanding on pay policies

Paul Routledge
bour Editor

Fresh evidence that union iders and the Cabinet will ich an accommodation on pay d economic policies emerged sterday in the wake of the wning Street talks.

When the General Council of : TUC met there was no chalge from militant or left-wing irces to the opening of talks h the Chancellor of the xchequer and senior ministers the Budget and the prospects wage moderation when ose three of the Government's ome policy expires on July

Ir Len Murray, general retary of the TUC, stonelled questions on the contents the talks at a press conferafterwards, but left servers in no doubt that the ons' new vogue concept of oluntary responsible collecbargaining" means a conting measure of restraint.

le pointed out that the 10 cent limit on pay increases won a wide response among ide unionists, and negotiators accepted the value of keepa 12-month gap between large settlements. "That practice is likely to persist, and it would be valuable to persist," he added.

The word "responsible" employed as an elaboration of TUC policy on voluntary collective bargaining. Mr Murray argued, was an "appropriate" term to use because unionists were now acting responsibly by taking into account long-term interests, including broader economic considerations, such as prices and jobs.

"I should like to see a situ*ation where unions are develop*ing and pursuing a strategy over a period of time", he added.

Harking back to his speech at the Wales TUC, where he insisted that the unions should not be asked to choose between the submissive society of rigid wage controls and the permissive society of a free-for-all, the *TUC general secretary said the* middle ground between those extremes was "firmly occupied by the social contract in its broadest sense".

That was an understanding between the unions and the Government based on an agreed definition of objectives in economic and social areas, and on the changes needed to achieve those objectives.

Unemployment and the TUC's *demands for increased public* spending to create more jobs apparently dominated Tuesday's working dinner at 11 Downing Street, which was the first of a series of meetings designed by ministers to reach an accord on policy with the TUC.

One explanation advanced for the silence on the opening of negotiations during the general council meeting was that individual union leaders wanted to reserve their position until their own policy conferences had considered the issue of continuing cooperation in the Cabinet's counter-inflation strategy.

Most union conference agendas are dominated by calls *to end collaboration with or* acquiesence in a fourth year of wage curbs, voluntary or otherwise, but in what may be election year the TUC's top-level negotiating team are not anxious to harm Labour's chances of retaining office.

'Pressure' alleged over friend of GLC chief

A Robert Parker

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The allegations were made by Andrew McIntosh, the GLC bour spokesman on planning communication. They were e at a meeting of the plan- and communications com- ee, where the application was to have been finally decided by the council.

Before the allegations were made the Conservatives had suggested that the application should be referred back to the north area planning committee and a full inspection carried out.

Mr McIntosh, opposing the Conservative amendment to have the matter referred back, said Labour objected on two grounds, the first being detailed planning reasons and protests and objections that had been made.

He said: "We have evidence that there was unfair pressure put *by members of this council* before the north area planning committee had made a recommendation. The applicant was a friend of one member of this council, Mr Horace Cutler.

"This member wished to agree to the application and have the recommendation changed to 'will the committee decide'."

Miss Shelagh Roberts, chairman of the planning and communications committee, said very serious allegations had been made. She would hold a full inquiry into the matter.

The Labour opposition has been opposing the application throughout its passage through the GLC. At yesterday's meeting Mr Robin Young, the Labour spokesman on the north area planning committee, said he had seen a handwritten note on the file of the application which suggested that pressure had been brought to bear on officers. He challenged the meeting to ask the officer involved if the note he had seen was still on the file.

He said that at the end of February, a report from the planning department had gone out to members of the north area planning committee which recommended that the application should be refused.

Shortly before the meeting on March 13 members received

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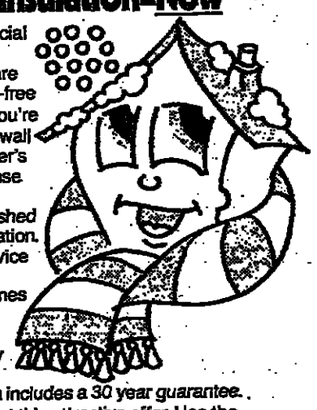
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Liberals' £1,000m tax cut amendments to Budget rock pact

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Sure signs that the Government has run into serious trouble with the Liberals over the Budget proposals appeared last night when Mr David Steel and his colleagues tabled tax cut amendments of more than £1,000m.

In no way could the Government accept the totality of the cuts, and if the Tories joined forces with the Liberals the Budget strategy of Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, would be undermined.

The Shadow Cabinet last night agreed its broad strategy on amendments to the Budget but shadow ministers were withholding information because Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Treasury spokesman, will be announcing the proposals during the second reading of the Finance Bill in the Commons today. Amendments cannot be tabled until after the second reading debate has taken place but the Liberals are carrying out their determination to secure a 2p reduction in the standard rate of tax. That would cost £740m.

Their amendments also call for the extension of the standard rate band from £6,250 to £7,250, which would remove 240,000 people from the higher rates, which, they say would cost £55m.

Moreover they want to increase the threshold at which investment income surcharge becomes payable from £1,700 to £2,000 for people under retirement age and from £2,500 to £3,000 for people over retirement age at a cost, the Liberals calculate, of £55m.

They also want to amend the higher rates of income tax at a cost of £210m. The calculations are:

Liberal amendment: Taxable income: £8,000-£10,000, 40 per cent; £10,000-£13,000, 50 per cent; £13,000-£17,500, 60 per cent; over £17,500, 70 per cent.

That compares with Mr Healey's Budget proposals ranging from 40 per cent on £7,000-£8,000 of taxable income, to 83 per cent above £23,000.

The Liberals decided on their amendments at a parliamentary party meeting last night. The MPs agreed that no part of the cost of their tax cuts would be added to the government borrowing requirement if their proposals to increase employers' national insurance contributions and value-added tax was accepted by the Government.

Their determination to press ahead with demands was taken after Mr John Pardoe, the Liberal Party's financial and economic spokesman, had had further talks with Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the minister directly responsible for public *expenditure, on Tuesday.*

The Government's economic strategy would be overturned if it was forced to accept such increases. Changing to indirect taxation through VAT increases would affect the retail price index, with consequential effect on the am to hold down the rate of inflation and the delicate discussions being held *with trade union leaders on the* future of pay policy.

Mr Nigel Lawson, a Tory frontbench spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, received a reply yesterday to his written question on the cost of cutting the basic rate of income tax from 34 per cent to 33 per cent, leaving the proposed reduced rate band unaltered.

Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary, replied that the estimated cost, after allowing for the proposals in the Budget statement, would be about £370m at 1978-79 levels.

In answer to another question from Mr Paul Dean, Conservative MP for Somerset, North, on what the loss of revenue would be if the investment increase surcharge was abolished, Mr Sheldon replied that it would be £320m at 1978-79 income levels.

Bank holiday trains

An extra 300 trains will be run over the weekend to cope with the expected rush of travellers for the May Day Bank Holiday, British Rail said yesterday.

Liberals hoping to stop the rot in today's by-elections

By Annabel, Ferriman

The most significant fight is for second place in the two Home Counties by-elections taking place today. The Liberals are hoping to retain their position as second party to the Conservatives in Epsom and Ewell and to overtake their Labour rivals in the safe Conservative seat of Wycombe.

After a series of disastrous by-election defeats, most recently in Bournemouth, East, and the London constituencies of Lambeth and Ilford, North, where their share of the vote fell each time by 12 per cent, the Liberals are hoping to stop the rot in today's contests.

Nine of the Liberal Party's 13 MPs have visited High Wycombe, four sets of leaflets have been produced by the local Wycombe party, and there has been a widespread flyposting campaign.

But the Liberals there will not find it easy to push Labour *into third place. The campaigns* of the two rival candidates for runner-up have been very similar. Both have been emphasising local issues in particular the recent decision by the Conservative-controlled district council to make council tenants pay in advance for house repairs, and both hope to win a large proportion of the immigrant vote.

They both believe that Wycombe's 10,000 West Indians, Pakistanis and Indians are unlikely to vote Conservative because of the party's policy on immigration control.

Mr Raymond Whitney, the Tory candidate, has come out in support of his party's idea of a register for all immigrants' dependants living abroad, an *idea not popular with* the immigrant community.

The Liberals won 20 per cent of the vote at the last election, compared with Labour's 30 per cent, but their canvassing returns show a much closer battle this time, with both parties running at about 19 per cent.

Mr Harry Warschauer, the Liberal candidate, a journalist, is an immigrant from the Nazi regime in the 1930s and hopes to win votes because of it. He also defends the Lib-Lab pact, declaring that voters are beginning to realize that it has brought stability to the country. He thinks he will win support from Labour voters who are hostile to the party's left wing.

Mr Trevor Fowler, the Labour candidate, however, is better known, having been a district and county councillor in High Wycombe between 1965 and 1976 and Labour's principal housing spokesman for some of that time.

There is also a strong *traditional Labour vote in the area,* mainly from the 24,000 council tenants, and the 6,000 workers in the furniture trade and the 10,000 in the engineering industry.

The Labour Party's 75 per cent canvass, the party says, shows that it will do at least as well as last time, giving Mr Fowler, a union official, an easy victory over his Liberal rival. Mr Whitney, while pointing out that there are no prizes for second place, also thinks that Labour will be runner-up.

The Tory party's astonishing 95 per cent canvass in Wycombe shows that it has little to worry about, even if it does not win 45 per cent of the vote, as it did last time, when it had the late Sir John Hall as candidate.

Mr Whitney's campaign has emphasized national issues, in particular immigration and law and order. Crime and violence are very much on people's minds, he says, and he has spoken strongly in favour of increasing police pay to cope with the shortage of policemen.

The only local issue he has emphasized is education, because of the fight of Buckinghamshire County Council to avoid going comprehensive. Mr Whitney, who is a former diplomat and soldier, maintains that the electorate's desire to retain selective schools is the hottest of all local questions.

In Epsom and Ewell, Mr Archibald Hamilton, the Tory candidate, predicts disaster for the Liberals, who in the last election managed to take second place. The Tories had 54 per cent of the votes, the Liberals 27 per cent and Labour 19 per cent.

The distribution in 1974 was almost exactly the same as in Bournemouth, East, where the Liberals last November suffered a drop from 25 per cent to 13 per cent.

Realizing the significance of the seat, the Liberals have drafted in Mr John Spiller, their by-election specialist, to direct the campaign.

Unless the Liberals can staunch the flow of humiliating defeats they are not going to enter the next general election as a credible political force.

October 1974:
Wycombe: Sir John Hall (C), 27,131; W. E. Back (Lab), 18,052; M. T. James (L), 11,333; D. H. Smith (Nat Front), 2,049. C majority, 9,079.
Epsom and Ewell: Sir P. A. G. Rawlinson (C), 32,109; D. J. H. Griffiths (L), 15,819; N. J. Kearney (Lab), 11,471. C majority 16,290.

'Total confusion' over pay guideline clause

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

In spite of government assurances to the contrary evidence is reaching MPs that some local authorities have tried to impose the same kind of counter-inflation clause in their contracts as government departments have done. The authorities say the Government has told them to do so with the aim of ensuring that tenderers do not break the pay guidelines.

In reply to questions in the Commons on Tuesday from Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C), Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said the Government had at no stage given any form of instruction or advice that could be construed as a direction to local authorities.

But he added, with reference to a question answered on March 7, that the Government was still considering whether local authorities should be invited to adopt the counter-inflation clause in contracts.

Mr Latham said yesterday: "There is no doubt that the original announcement of the contract conditions led to total confusion, both in Whitehall and in some parts of local government. Every local council and every contractor trying to negotiate contracts should remember two simple facts: the Government has not required local councils to impose counter-inflation contracts, and that, even if they try, they have no legal power to do so.

"The best thing the Government can do is to keep its nose out of it."

One authority that has tried to impose the counter-inflation clause is North Tyneside District Council, which is Labour-controlled. When one tenderer refused to sign the contract put before him he was told: "The authority has no choice when directed by a government department but to impose certain conditions where the spending of public money is involved."

Our Newcastle correspondent writes: A representative of North Tyneside District Council said: "We and several other local authorities operate this clause in accordance with a directive issued by the Government, which we feel bound to follow. The subcontractor referred to refused to sign the clause and withdrew from the tender involved.

"We have had protests from local officials of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers expressing concern that we operate this clause, but we feel bound to follow the government directive."

Journalists cleared in private prosecution

Charges brought privately by Mr Roger Gleaves against five *Sunday People* journalists, a photographer and Odhams Newspapers Ltd were all dismissed at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday. Mr Gleaves was ordered to pay the costs.

The cases related to the committal for trial last September of two Yorkshire Television journalists and two publishing companies responsible for the book *Johnny Go Home*, which was based on a television documentary, the principal charge was of attempting to pervert the course of justice by the publication of an article.

A *Sunday People* official gave the cost of the proceedings to the paper, occupying solicitors for five days, "at a conservative estimate of not less than £10,000".

Mr Gleaves, of Muswell Road, Crouch Hill, London, had claimed that an article in the *Sunday People* and the book *Johnny Go Home* were in contempt of court and likely to pervert the course of justice.

Dismissing the charges Mr Geoffrey Noel, the chairman, said: "The criminal law of this country should not be used as a sword. The whole atmosphere in this case is as if those in the dock were the prosecution and Mr Gleaves was the defendant."

Mr Gleaves said the article and the book constitured a grave contempt. "Jurors represent the man on the back of the Clapham omnibus", he said. "If they have the impression that Roger Gleaves is a dirty old man, they are going to be prejudiced."

The defendants were: William Dorran, aged 47, deputy news editor of the *Sunday People*, of Putney, London; David Farr, aged 44, news editor, of Sevenoaks, Kent; Graham Ball, aged 27, a journalist, of Loughton, Essex; David Alford aged 29, a journalist, of Wandsworth, and Frank Murphy, aged 25, a journalist, of Cricklewood, both London; Roger Alston, a photographer; the *Sunday People*, Odhams Newspapers Ltd, and the secretary of Odhams Newspapers Ltd.

Tory policy on entrants denounced

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

Conservative immigration control proposals were denounced in a resolution passed by the Labour Party National Executive Committee in the presence of the Prime Minister yesterday.

The resolution rejected specific Tory proposals as likely to cause longer delays in the processing of would be immigrants and accused the Conservatives of giving credence to the National Front. The full resolution says:

The Tory claim that their proposals have helped to calm public anxiety about immigration is entirely bogus. The truth is that the Tories have inflamed and exploited those anxieties—and in doing so they have given credence, and a veneer of respectability, to the racist lies propagated by the National Front. We believe it is the height of Tory hypocrisy to speak of black people as some kind of virus harmful to this country and, at the same time, preach racial harmony and good race relations. Good race relations cannot be bought at the expense of the continued separation of families in the black community. We must ensure that their families are able to come in as quickly as possible, and put an end to this interminable argument about immigration.

The Manifesto Group of Labour MPs has asserted that more Filipinos than Indians would have been denied acceptance for settlement in Britain last year had the Conservative's proposals been in force then. In a letter to London ambassadors or high commissioners of 21 countries, it has presented its calculations country by country and asked for the diplomats' comments.

In the group's totals, the United States had the third highest number estimated to be denied settlement, followed by *Pakistan. When calculated in* terms of a restriction on entry rather than a refusal of settlement, the United States had the highest total denied, followed by Australia and New Zealand, with India in fourth place.

Bus driver fined £500

A driver who was runner-up in the United Kingdom Bus Driver of the Year competition was found guilty yesterday of reckless driving after a fatal crash.

Hedley Tait, aged 36, of Providence Terrace, Hull, was fined £500 at Selkirk Sheriff Court and banned *from driving for a year. The court had* been told that six people died in the collision in which a bus driven by Mr Tait was involved.

Cover-up over war pension, colonel says

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Colonel X, the former officer who fought for 30 years for his full war pension, accuses the Government today of a cover-up over the civil servants found to have deliberately withheld part of the pensions from 25 former officers.

The colonel accuses Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, of effectively muzzling MPs and a Select Committee by forwarding the papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions, although Mr Ennals accepts that the matter is not sub judice. The colonel is also angry that the four civil servants involved have not been named.

The allegations are made in a letter to Mr Ennals after a meeting between the two men last week. Colonel X lists the questions he asked, Mr Ennals's replies, and the reasons he finds them unsatisfactory.

Mr Ennals told Colonel X, according to the letter, that he had forwarded the papers to the DPP because another and more recent case had come to light. The colonel comments: "I think the public is entitled to know the details of the *more recent case, whether the* same civil servants were involved and whether you (Mr *Ennals) have referred that case to the DPP.*"

Colonel X was told that Mr Ennals did not consider it proper for him to release the names of the civil servants because he was the minister who had referred the matter to the DPP. The colonel questions whether that is the real reason, since Mr Ennals had also told an MP that he would not release the names because the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) had not found it necessary to interview the individuals concerned when he investigated the case of Colonel X.

He comments: "I know that ministers were not aware at the time of what was going on, but what about the civil servants' *superiors in the service?* Who were they and how much did they know and condone?

"I am left with the impression that you (Mr Ennals) have not been completely frank, that the full truth has not been told and that someone is operating some kind of cover-up."

The colonel's letter also criticized as ungenerous the compensation paid to himself and the 24 other former officers. Mr Ennals disclosed last week that £16,000 had been paid out in arrears of war pensions, plus nearly £13,000 in compensation.

In a personal statement issued last night, Mr Ennals said he had dealt with the matter frankly. He had had a full *discussion with Colonel X last* week. "There has been no cover up."

EEC considering pact on terrorism with Ireland

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Discussions are taking place in the EEC about the possibility of concluding an agreement outside the terms of the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, but on similar lines, between the Republic of Ireland and the rest of the Nine, Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday.

She was replying to a debate by the Commons committee considering the Suppression of Terrorism Bill, which enables the United Kingdom to ratify the convention.

"We have provided for the application of some of the Bill's provisions to the Republic of Ireland, even if the republic is not a party to the convention, in case the republic was willing to participate in an agreement outside the terms of the convention but on similar lines", she said.

An opposition backbench MP, Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Bromley, Orpington), was the only member to speak against the Bill, which has already been considered by the House of Lords. He said the Bill delered the political character of an offence from the concept of Britain's Extradition law and "builds a hornet's nest around it". The law would be more difficult to understand and apply in the courts.

Sir Michael Havers, chief opposition spokesman on law, said the Opposition supported the Bill. He was satisfied that it covered exceptional cases, particularly those where genuine political asylum was sought. The committee, by seven votes to one, recommended that the Bill should be given a second reading.

Timbuctoo joins the package resorts

By Patricia Tisdall

Timbuctoo has joined a l of holiday towns as a pack holiday resort.

Thomson Holidays, the gest of the package tour op tors, believes enough Br will want to pay more £345 each to go to Tumbu and so make the trip a mercial proposition.

According to the descrip in the brochure, Timbuctu an "exotic little city" wit "intriguing, timeless Apparently its "labyrinth twisting alleys, crumbling houses and ancient mosq has changed little for turies. Slides shown yeste by an executive of the tra company who had just retu from making the arrangem there also show long, hot sand roads.

Gordon Laing, the first lishman to visit Timbu about 150 years ago, was when he attempted to But René Caillé, a Frenc who arrived soon after lived to tell the tale, today not many Euro find their way to Timbu The Thomson Holidays found only a few here this month.

The residents are Afr and Arabs whose main pean tongue is French.

Apart from the "pictur market" in Timbuctoo, w holidaymakers will be tak excursions into the Sahe *look at nomadic camps.* are no roads for the to follow; the drivers find way by following camel There will also be a t the banks of the Niger.

The seven-night holida are available only in Nov start with one night in star hotel in Bamako, capital of Mali. Holiday are then flown more th miles to Timbuctoo, they are housed in Foreign Legion barrac two nights. Then they Mopti, a small town b islands at the confluc the Niger and the Bani Mopti they can make an sionto Sangha "a pictu hillside village of the people".

On the seventh day holiday they travel by way of Segou to E where they spend night and from there London.

Thomson Holidays d expect many customers to Timbuctoo.

Most of the 790,000 Britons who are expe take inclusive holidays this winter will go t familiar resorts on the Costa Brava and Costa B

However, Thomson E which claims a 30 p share of overall winte age tour sales, repo there is a increased for more exotic des They also say that the are starting to becor adventurous. Evidence is the rising popularity board terms in such r Benidorm. This winte expected that a third package holidaymakers there will be prepared tiate their midday m pendently.

Jet trainer crash

A trainee pilot and structor ejected safely Guat supersonic jet which developed a fa came in to land yest Valley RAF station, in

Correction

The initiator of the *Towards a Charter of Hu Rights* was not Dr Antho of Kent University as stated on April 20, but Dyson, of East Anglia U

'Pressure' alleged over planning request

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another report, which recommended that the application *should be granted. It was accom*panied by a handwritten note asking that the second report should be substituted for the first.

He asked the committee meeting on Tuesday for an assurance from Mr Anthony Perry, assistant chief planning officer, that the handwritten note he had seen on the file of application was still on the file.

The note, a copy of which is in the possession of *The Times*, states: "Land adjoining little Paddock, Pinner. Application for detached house and garage for use by captain of Pinner Golf Course (a friend of Horace Curler).

"Site adjacent to Golf course; application prepared to give surplus land to Boro' to *obviate further development.*

"Within Green Belt—recommended for refusal! Both Horace Cutler and Mr Black wish to agree to it!

"Can we change report to 'Will Committee decide'?"

The Times has been examining the application after contact with Labour members of the GLC. The application for the house on a site in Southview Road, Pinner Hill Estate, was made by Mr W. T. Warrin, who lives on the estate.

Mr Warrin, who is president of Pinner Hill Golf Course, which is an integral part of the private estate, is also the director of a company called Country Gardens Estates (London) Ltd. That company, which exists to acquire lands and manage the estate, is very inactive, but it owned the land on which he wanted to build a house.

The first application was made in the name of Roberts Construction, a company owned by a man who also lives on the estate. The application was made to Harrow on January 23, 1977. The planning committee considered it on March 12 and rejected it in April on the ground that it was a substantial departure from the initial development plan, because the site was in the green belt.

Mr Warrin, this time in the name of Country Gardens Estates, applied to Harrow a second time on November 8, 1977.

The application was referred this time to the GLC because it was for green belt development. Harrow again considered the development, and in January agreed to grant permission.

Mr Peter Pitt, chairman of Harrow planning committee, told me that application had been granted because the applicant had agreed to give a narrow strip of land to the council that would enable the public to gain access to Oxhey Woods for the first time.

Mr Pitt said the strip of land would be a considerable planning gain and that the proposed *house would simply be an addi*tion to houses already there.

It was at that stage that Labour members started looking into the matter.

Mr Perry, the officer who changed the report, told me that the first report was sent out simply because of an administrative error, caused by the fact that the planning *office is in the middle of a* move. He said his special brief was to examine cases where conflict might arise between the GLC and a local council.

It was because of that that the case came to his attention. He paid a visit to the site on March 4, and decided, after considering all the factors, that there were no objections to Harrow granting permission.

He said he had decided that before the handwritten note referring to Mr Cutler and "Mr Black" had been taken, and insisted that that had nothing to do with the decision.

Mr Cutler, in a telephone conversation, told me that the impression given was totally misleading and wrong. Mr Cutler, who is a member of the Pinner Hill Golf Club, although an active one, said all he had done was to help Mr Warrin with an inquiry because Mr Warrin was *a constituent of his.*

He said Mr Warrin telephoned him late last year and said there seemed to be some delay on a planning application he was making. Could he find out what was happening, and if there were any difficulties.

Mr Cutler said he took the reference numbers and then asked his personal assistant shortly afterwards to look into the matter. That was done, no difficulty was indicated, and Mr Cutler said, he had nothing else to do with the matter. He had absolutely no knowledge of the note itself.

The actual note, which was paraphrased at yesterday's meeting by Mr McIntosh, was taken by an official in the planning department. He took it from the clerk to the committee, who had been speaking to Mr Sydney Clack, chairman of the north-area planning committee. Mr Clack had been speaking to Mr Cutler's personal assistant.

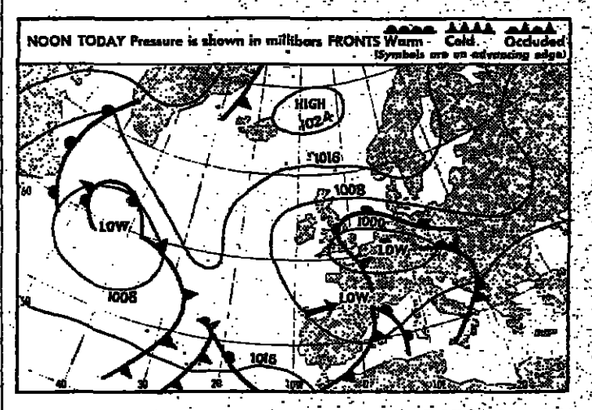
The officer who took the note told me that he remembered it clearly and that the impression he had was that there was an inquiry only about why the application was being delayed. He said there was no question of any pressure being brought to bear to change the decision.

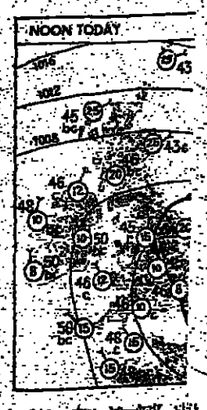
It was decided by the chairman of yesterday's meeting, Mr Lawrence Bains, that Mr Perry could be questioned in private.

Mr Cutler said he thought *the note was suspect, and might* even represent somebody trying to "set him up" on the eve of the elections.

He pointed to two inaccuracies, one being that the applicant was called captain, not president, of the club. The other was that a Mr Black was mentioned on the note. It should have been Mr Clack, *chairman of the north* area planning committee, Mr Cutler said.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.41 am. Sun sets: 8.17 pm.
Moon rises: 12.11 am. Moon sets: 9.14 am.
Last quarter: April 29.
Lighting up: 8.47 pm to 5.9 am.

High water: London Bridge: 5.21 am, 7.5m (24.7ft); 5.44 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Avonmouth: 10.57am 12.8m (41.9ft); 11.18 pm, 12.5m (40.8ft). Dover: 2.25 am, 6.6m (21.6ft); 2.51 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Hull: 9.44 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 10.14 pm, 7.1m (23.1ft). Liverpool: 2.41 am, 9.3m (30.6ft); 3.5 pm, 9.0m (29.6ft).

A depression is moving slowly near SE England.

Forecasts from 6 am to midnight: London, SE and Central S England: Dull, outbreaks of rain, bright intervals later; wind variable, light; max temp 10°C (50°F).

East Anglia, E Midlands, E, NW, Central N and NE England, Lake *District, Borders, Edinburgh,* Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Cloudy, rain, perhaps heavy, snow on mountains; wind E, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England, Wales: Rather cloudy, scattered showers, bright intervals developing; wind N, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Isle of Man, Argyll, N Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, rain by nightfall; wind NE, moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers; wind E, fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Less cold in S, bright or sunny intervals and showers; rather cold in N, cloudy with rain at times.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Winds E or NE, fresh or strong, decreas sea rough, decreasing English Channel (E) or NW, moderate; sea St George's Channel moderate or fresh; sea Irish Sea: Winds NE or fresh; sea moderate

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Akrotiri	s	19	66	Chicago	s	15	59	Lisbon	r	10	50
Algiers	f	28	77	Colombo	s	16	61	Locarno	r	11	52
Amsterdam	s	13	54	Copenhagen	c	4	39	London	r	7	45
Athens	s	19	66	Dublin	r	8	46	Luxembourg	r	15	59
Barcelona	s	17	63	Edinburgh	r	7	45	Madrid	r	12	54
Belfast	r	5	41	Funchal	f	20	68	Majorca	s	18	64
Berlin	r	6	43	Geneva	f	13	55	Malaga	s	19	66
Bermuda	c	23	72	Gibraltar	s	19	66	Malta	s	18	64
Biarritz	r	10	50	Guernsey	c	7	45	Manchester	c	10	50
Birmingham	r	7	45	Helsinki	s	3	37	Miami	s	28	82
Bristol	r	5	41	Innsbruck	c	-1	31	Montreal	s	14	57
Brussels	s	11	52	Istanbul	f	11	52	Moscow	th	10	50
Budapest	f	17	63	Jersey	c	8	46	Munich	c	11	52
Cardiff	r	6	43	L Palmas	s	20	68	Naples	r	16	61
Nice	s	16	61	Oslo	c	3	37
Paris	c	10	50
Reykjavik	c	5	41
Rome	s	17	63
Ronaldsway	s	8	46
Stockholm	c	1	34
Tel Aviv	s	30	86
Toronto	s	15	59
Vancouver	c	16	61
Venice	r	14	57
Vienna	s	15	59
Warsaw	c	8	46
Zurich	s	16	61

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, p.m., 7°C (45°F); min 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Rain, 24 0.18in. Sun, 24hr to 7 t mean sea level, 7 pm, bars, steady.

1,000 millibars = 29.5

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HOME NEWS

Broader examination system proposed for pupils aged 18 plus

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

Final proposals for a broader-based system of examination of pupils aged 18 plus are published today by the Schools Council. The discussion document on N (normal) and F (further) examinations, to replace GCE A levels, represents the culmination of 14 years' research.

Interested parties are being asked to submit views on the proposals to the Schools Council by the end of March, 1979. The council will then make its recommendation to the Secretary of State.

Mr Peter Dines, joint secretary of the council, said the council was not committed to the N and F concept. If the feedback from the discussion document was that the status quo was better, he believed that would be the recommendation to the minister.

He thought that, given a favourable response, it was unlikely that the N and F syllabus would be introduced to schools before 1986, the first examinations coming two years later. Thus the proposals would directly affect only those now aged eight or less.

Under the proposed scheme, pupils now taking three A levels would be examined at the end of a two-year sixth-form course in five subjects, three at N level, each taking up about half the study time required for one A level, and two at F level, each taking up about three quarters of A-level study time.

Britain, alone among Western European nations, introduces subject specialization at such an early age. By broadening the sixth-form curriculum to include at least five subjects, it is hoped that pupils will be able to delay a final choice of career and will avoid getting caught in narrow specialist rut as a result of decisions taken too early.

At the same time a degree of specialization would be retained in the form of the two F levels, and pupils would be able to complement their specializing by studying subjects from other areas. For example, a physics student who wanted to become an engineer would have the chance to study art or design or a modern language and the history student could study statistics.

The report examines three possible models for the N and F syllabuses, how pupils are to be examined, and what form of grading might be used. The main difference between the models lies in the closeness of the relationship envisaged between the N and F courses.

The most favoured model appears to be one in which the N-level syllabus would be wholly incorporated in the F-level syllabus; pupils taking the subject at F level would simply take an additional examination paper based on the extra work they had done, on which an F-level grade would be awarded. A separate N-level grade would be awarded on the papers they took in common with the N-level candidates.

Under the preferred model, grading for the two levels would be completely separate, with proposed grades of 1 to 7 for N level, and 1 to 5 for F level. There would be no pass or fail as such, though the grade chosen by universities to satisfy matriculation requirements would doubtless soon be regarded as a pass mark.

Unlike the Higher School Certificate, the system used at 18 plus from 1917 until the introduction of A levels in 1951, N and F candidates would not be required to take any specific subject or combination of subjects. A pupil could in theory take just one N level, say, or three F levels.

Examinations at 18+: the N and F studies: a report of the Joint Examinations Sub-committee of the Schools Council on the studies on the N and F proposals: Schools Council working paper 60 (Evans/Methuen Educational, £4.50).



Celebrity cast-offs: Clothes given by people prominent in politics and entertainment will be offered at a jumble sale in aid of the Save the Children Fund, beginning at Olympia, London, today. The model in the photograph is wearing silk pyjamas given by Mr Peter Sellers and Mr Edward Heath's former smoking jacket. The tie was given by Mr James Callaghan and the headscarf by Mrs Margaret Thatcher. The Duchess of Gloucester will open the sale.

Labour candidates in the North concentrate on national issues

By Ronald Kershaw

With immigration still a burning issue at Westminster and racialism and neo-Nazis still occupying newspaper columns and television time it is perhaps natural that in the North of England and West Yorkshire in particular more than ordinary attention will be concentrated on district voting in areas of high coloured population.

Bradford, with its 42,000 coloureds, has attracted National Front candidates contesting 20 of the 32 seats vacant. Next door, at Leeds, National Front candidates will be fighting 18 of the 33 vacancies.

In general terms, Conservatives appear not to be troubled by the rise of the National Front a typical comment from John Singleton, leader of the Conservative controlled Bradford Metropolitan District Council, was "The National Front is not a growing force. It is on the wane."

The response from the coloured population may not be the same. The Bradford lists include six coloured candidates, presumably opposing National Front policies. Three are Labour, one independent Labour and two are independents. One Labour and one independent Labour are contesting the same seat at Little Horton but all are calculated to attract anti-Conservative votes.

In West Yorkshire generally the Conservatives confidently predict retaining control of Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees and Leeds councils, leaving Wakefield in the hands of Labour. At Wakefield, Labour is fighting all 22 seats and defending 20 of them.

Strangely conflicting views between the two principal parties on what issues the elections should be fought have emerged. While admitting that national party policies have local repercussions, Conservatives appear to be concentrating on such local issues as rates, roads and schools while Labour candidates choose national successes.

Mr Harold Simms, Yorkshire regional organizer of the Labour Party, observes: "I am convinced that the ordinary elector cannot differentiate between local authority parties and the national position and go to the polls accordingly."

Local Elections

At Leeds 125 candidates are in the field for 33 seats. Conservatives and Labour candidates are in all seats. There are 19 Liberals, 18 National Front, 11 Ecology, 10 Communists, and one Independent. Mr Simms says canvass returns show an improvement for Labour's chances in West Yorkshire compared with last year.

South Yorkshire, comprising Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield district councils, is traditionally a Labour stronghold and according to most observers there is little prospect of any change in the control of councils. This is a mining, steel and heavy engineering area where a Conservative label is almost an anathema to electors.

In the Barnsley district, for instance, of 20 seats, Conservatives are contesting only eight. Two Labour candidates in the Hemsworth seats are uncontested and a mixture of Ratepayers, Independents and Liberals are left to challenge the rest. Any small hope anti-Labour voters may have in South Yorkshire is in the Doncaster election, where the present constitution of the council is 35 Labour, 17 Conservative, four Independents and four "others".

The overall Labour majority is only 10 out of a council of 60 and Conservatives and "others" have high hopes of wresting control from their hands. From the Labour side, Mr Simms points out that of the 21 seats vacant for which Labour is competing, it is in fact defending 14 seats; Conservatives are defending four seats, Independents two seats and Ratepayers one seat.

Great store is set by the fact that parties are defending seats and not fighting for them and, in Labour's case, even greater importance is placed on the fact that the men now seeking reelection were the most popular candidates with the highest number of votes of all candidates when they were first elected and took office in 1974 after local government reorganization.

The only incursion by the National Front in South Yorkshire is at Rotherham, where seven candidates are seeking election out of 18 vacancies. At Sheffield nomination papers were taken by the National Front but a slip-up in timing, or a change of mind led to none being returned. Sheffield is left with 87 candidates contesting 30 wards.

In Tyne and Wear all councils, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland, are Labour controlled but there is a distinct chance that Labour may lose control of South Tyneside. There are at present 34 Labour councillors, five Conservatives, two Liberals and 25 Progressives at South Tyneside giving a Labour majority of two.

Contrary to local beliefs, the Conservatives and Progressives are not one and the same organization although it is freely admitted that there is "an understanding" between them which avoids vote splitting.

A Conservative at Tyne and Wear said it was expected that Labour would lose control at South Tyneside but the unknown factor was the Liberals, who tended to vote with Labour when it came to a critical situation.

At Newcastle the Conservatives are looking for "an equality situation". The present constitution of the council is 44 Labour, 29 Conservatives, three Liberal and two Independents.

Candidates will try to keep election issues to a local level, Mr David Hughes, regional organizer for the Labour Party, says, although he admits that national issues must be taken into account. If that is the case, he maintains, the Labour Government's record in the past couple of years is not going to work to the disadvantage of Labour candidates.

Newspaper severely censured

The *Midland Chronicle* is severely criticized by the Press Council in an adjudication released today. The council has upheld a complaint brought by Mr Peter Snape, MP for West Bromwich, East, that an article had not been substantiated and was totally dependent on non-attributable sources.

Under the front-page headline "Vice den exposed/Burn it down, say tenants", the newspaper published an article saying that a certain block of flats was a den of prostitution, wife-swopping and pornography, according to many residents.

It gave from unnamed sources details of several incidents supposedly recounted to a team of "investigators".

In the next issue critical letters from Mr Snape and a local councillor were published, along with an article saying that residents of the flats were angry about the allegations which they said brought them all into disrepute. Three people handed to the newspaper a petition containing 123 signatures protesting against the original article.

Appended to the second article was a note by Mr C. Perry, the editor, which said reporters had called at several flats at random and with one exception everyone interviewed agreed that the allegations published the previous week were true. Mr Perry said no implication that most of the tenants were anything other than decent people had been intended.

Mr Snape told the Press Council that the article in his view was one of the worst examples of sensational, second-hand and uncorroborated journalism he had ever seen. He had personally interviewed more than twenty residents, all of whom categorically denied the allegations.

Mr Perry said the newspaper's informants had asked not to be identified, but their names and addresses were known to him. He did not think the press should be barred from publishing information because informants did not wish to be identified. His reporters had called at seven out of about 150 flats and had interviewed other people on stairs and in corridors before writing the article complained of.

No inquiries had been made, either before or after publication, from local authorities or the police to corroborate the allegations. Asked why the reporters were not at the hearing, Mr Perry said they were away from the office and could not attend.

The adjudication is:

The Press Council considers the article in the *Midland Chronicle* to have been totally inadequately researched and to be a deplorable example of sensationalized journalism of a kind likely to bring the British press into disrepute. It is deserving of the severest censure. The complaint against the *Midland Chronicle* is upheld.

Sainsbury to develop site with London football club

By Business News Staff

Sainsbury, the grocery retailer, has combined with Crystal Palace Football Club in a development scheme for the club's football ground at Whitehorse Lane, Croydon.

The scheme will give Sainsbury one of the largest single food stores in the Greater London area. Included in the development will be free parking for 500 cars, a new supporters' club, some flats and a provision for an extension of the northern stand over the roof of the superstore. Construction is expected to take two years.

Last month Tesco was selected as the developer of a 46-acre development of a railway site at Neasden, in north London. The project, which has yet to be given planning approval, involves a freight complex as well as a grocery store.

All the big supermarket groups are increasingly becoming involved in general property developments because of difficulties in obtaining planning approval to build large food stores. Asda, the Leeds based superstore group, recently offered up to £20m of funds to local authorities for the construction of district shopping centres.

Mixed-ability classes help pupils, report says

By a Staff Reporter

The social and academic effects of mixed-ability teaching in the early years at secondary schools are generally beneficial to students, a report published today says.

The study is the final report of the inquiry that monitored the progress of children who entered Banbury School, Oxfordshire, in the academic year 1972-73. Half the children were put into mixed-ability classes for their first year, and half into streamed classes.

The study found that there was some evidence of better overall performance on the part of less able students in the mixed-ability system, without any lowering of the overall levels of attainment reached by the more able. There were few significant differences, however, between the systems in the levels of attainment reached on individual subjects.

According to the report, students from a mixed-ability background had a better attitude towards the school as a social community than those from streamed classes. Sciences were less popular in the streamed section and languages less popular in the mixed ability classes.

The study found that a higher proportion of early friendships survived into the fourth year if students started their school life in streamed classes.

Streams for the future? The final report of the Banbury Inquiry (Pubansco, Banbury School, Ruskin Road, Banbury, OX16 9BY, £1.75).

MP, official differ over home-based students

By Ian Bradley

It is neither practical nor desirable to increase the number of students living at home to ease the shortage of accommodation in universities and save public money, Sir James Hamilton, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education, said yesterday.

Giving evidence to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee, he said that the number of students at British universities was expected to rise by 30,000 by 1981-82. Accommodation would be a big difficulty. There were already signs at some universities that the supply of flats and lodgings was drying up.

Mr Edward du Cann, Conservative MP for Taunton and chairman of the committee, asked the department to undertake further research on accommodating more students at home. He dismissed as nonsense a suggestion in a report by the department that using financial and other constraints to encourage students to live at home rather than go away to university might be taken as an attack on academic freedom.

"In a time of financial stringency", he said, "it is not possible to tolerate so many of the generous provisions of university life."

Among these provisions he singled out in particular the arrangement that has allowed Oxford and Cambridge colleges to fixe their own fees. "This is tantamount to issuing a blank cheque on public funds", he added.

Sir James admitted that there was a lacuna in the control of public funds but said it would be rectified.

He also said that the Department of Education will soon put forward proposals to give greater central control over student union fees.

Students expelled: The National Union of Students said last night that the North East London Polytechnic had expelled 114 students for failing to pay last term's fees. The students, mostly from overseas, received letters earlier this week saying that they were no longer registered at the polytechnic.

Miss Sue Slipman, president of the NUS, said she was concerned about the summary way the expulsions had been made. She understood that the polytechnic had exhausted a £50,000 hardship fund.

In brief

Escaped bank robber caught

Michael Roy West, who failed to return from home leave last August to Parkhurst prison, where he was serving a six-year sentence for bank robbery, was recaptured by a police sergeant on traffic duty at Bushey, Hertfordshire, yesterday.

Four shots, discovered to be blanks were fired during a chase. The police later took possession of a pistol. Another man was being interviewed at Bushey police station last night.

Regency house may be saved

Beach House, the last of Worthing's Regency mansions, has been given a stay of execution as a result of strenuous local opposition to its threatened demolition.

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, has ruled that a local inquiry must be held to decide the fate of the house, whose condition has been deteriorating steadily over the past two years.

Life for jail killer

Edward Power, aged 30, of Ridgourne Hill, Beccles, Suffolk, was sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday to life imprisonment for the murder of Leonard Gardiner, aged 36, a fellow inmate at Chelmsford jail.

Dispute stops press

The *Liverpool Daily Post* was not published today because of an industrial dispute over management proposals to introduce new technology involving members of the National Graphical Association.

Man falls to death

Mr John Wayne, aged 53, unemployed, fell to his death from his fifth-floor flat in Abbey Orchard Street, Westminster, yesterday before the police could pull him back from the window.

Cost of vandalism

A £167,000 multistorey car park built for a council estate at West Hendon, London, is to be demolished after six years at a cost of £100,000 because vandalism has forced tenants to park in the street.

Mr Eric Mackintosh

Mr Eric MacKintosh, aged 71, a former chairman of John MacKintosh and Sons, the sweet concern, fell to his death from his flat in Mayfair, London, yesterday. Obituary, page 38.

Student drowned

Mr Raymond Hicking, aged 20, of St Catherine's College, Oxford, whose home was at Dartford, Kent, was drowned on Tuesday after falling from a punt into the Cherwell.

Sweeter Thames

Bass and cod have been caught in the Thames for the first time for seventy years. They were among seven species caught during an annual fishing contest.

Airliner fire

A jumbo jet bound for Vancouver with 250 passengers and 17 crew was forced to return to Heathrow yesterday shortly after take-off when fire broke out in an engine.

Seats on board for hotel porters and room maids

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter

Chambermaids and hotel porters will be among those given the chance to sit in on Grand Metropolitan board meetings under a scheme announced by the group yesterday.

The company has introduced what it described yesterday as "far-reaching advances in industrial democracy" covering 6,000 staff in its 55 hotels. Under the scheme, announced jointly with the General and Municipal Workers' Union, employees will be represented at three tiers.

The union welcomed the deal and contrasted Grand Metropolitan with Claridge's, where more than 120 of its members returned to work empty-handed on Monday after a two-week strike.

Mr Frederick Cooper, national hotel an catering officer for the union, said: "This progressive approach highlights the positive side to industrial relations in the hotel industry."

He said that companies like Claridge's, which is part of the Savoy group, were denying workers "even the basic right of expressing a collective view" through unions.

Under the Grand Metropolitan scheme, employee representatives will sit on staff committees at each hotel and on regional staff committees covering the group's two United Kingdom operating companies, Grand Metropolitan London Hotels and County Hotels.

In addition two staff representatives will be elected annually to sit as observers on the boards of the two companies. Existing joint consultative councils will stay in being, at four London hotels, the Britannia, Europa, Berners and St Ermin's.

On the new staff committees all employees can elect representatives, but the unions will be guaranteed places in proportion to membership. About a fifth of the total staff are estimated to belong to a union.

Mr David Hutchins, director of personnel and training, said yesterday: "We believe that the master-and-servant era is over. The hotel porter or the room maid will now have the chance to represent their colleagues in the board room."

Vandals 'pose threat to soul of community'

By Our Political Correspondent

"How often have we sown the seed for the Tories to rob us of the harvest? Well, this time it is not going to happen." Such was the message Mr Callaghan had for Labour supporters at a meeting at Isleworth, west London, last night when he advised Londoners to vote Labour in the local elections next week.

He said that, "thanks to the hard work and self-sacrifice of the British working people", the country had come through some difficult years. "We have done it by cooperation and conciliation. We have done it by pulling together.

"In the 1980s this country has the best opportunity it has ever had to break loose from the postwar decline into which we have been sucked."

Special help had been given to the ratepayer where he paid most, in London, the Prime Minister said. In each of the last two years London rate poundages had increased by only half the national average. Last year London rates went up by 8.6 per cent, compared with the national average of 15 per cent, this year by 4 per cent against a national average of 9.7 per cent. The Government had recognized the special needs of London and given it the priority it deserved.

The Government was allocating more money to the police in an effort to combat lawlessness. "But more policemen is by no means the only answer. The Government cannot get inside the school and the home, and that it is where so much can be done." Greater community vigilance was needed.

Violence was nothing new. But vandalism, wanton and motiveless destruction of property, were reaching a new scale. The cost is estimated by the Home Office at tens of millions of pounds a year.

"It brings not just inconvenience but also real danger to the public; and it creates such ugliness. Streets, parks, houses take on an air of neglect and decay, destroying any pride felt in the neighbourhood and eating away at the soul of the community."

Slate disease study

The Government will set up a working group to study the distresses of slate quarrymen and other workers suffering rrom pneumoconiosis, Mr Harold Walker, Minister of State, Department of Employment, told a Welsh Labour Party deputation yesterday.

Church unity delay criticized

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

In a slightly acid comment on the Church of England's attitude to church unity, Dr Kenneth Greet, secretary of the Methodist Conference, says in a statement today that churches that have been discussing the basic issues can hardly be accused of moving with irresponsible speed.

His statement accompanies the publication of the recommendation on unity to be put before the Methodist Conference this summer. The president's council of the conference is to propose that Methodism should make its consent to the church's unity commission's 10 propositions conditional on the Church of England's accepting them.

Behind the recommendation lies a certain exasperation with the Church of England's apparent hesitation to go along with the propositions as an acceptable formula for the next step towards unity. The propositions commit churches subscribing to them to recognize each other's ministries. The absence of bishops in the English Free Churches has so far been a stumbling block inside the Church of England.

Churches accepting the propositions would enter into an agreement, called a covenant, linking them in mutual recognition and committing them to eventual union.

Dr Greet says in his statement: "The response of all the churches is important, but the response of the Church of England is vital. Will the Church of England say 'Yes' to the covenant, and if so, when? To ask the question responsibly is to be aware of the need for, and the dangers of, haste. A Methodist may perhaps be forgiven if he observes the churches which have been discussing the familiar issues raised by the 10 propositions for 30 years can scarcely be accused of moving with irresponsible speed."

Tip-offs lead to illegal visitors, committee told

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Annoymous tip-offs are a widespread source of information about visitors and others from abroad who stay illegally in Britain, Mr D. H. J Hilary, an Under-Secretary at the Home Office, said yesterday.

The tip-offs were "very, very accurate", he told the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration. Follow-up action by the Home Office and police dealt with those staying illegalyl. There were more overstaying than entered clandestinely, Mr Hilary said.

Mr William Wilson, Labour MP for Coventry, South-east, had put it to the Home Office officials giving evidence that the prime method of detecting overstayers was not the detective work of the police but the simple fact that the presence of teh overstayer was disclosed by one of his acquaintances.

Mr Hilary added that the source of most tip-offs was unknown. It might be that they were made as a result of quarrels at work or in the family.

Mr Wilson said it was his impression that the police rarely went out on random checks to catch overstayers.

Mr Hilary told the committee that the idea of spot checks in that sense would be open to objection and against Home Office wishes.

Mr Hilary said offences were often discovered when a person became entangled with the law in other ways.

The select committee's present inquiry is into the the effect of the United Kingdom's membership of the EEC on immigration and race relations.

Front followers accept violence, magazine says

A typical young National Front supporter is male, left school at 16 with no qualifications and is prepared to use violence for what he believes in.

That is the picture drawn from a *New Society* survey of 300 16 to 20 year old whites in south Hackney and Shoreditch in east London.

The latest edition of the magazine, a week before the London borough elections, says that a quarter of the people interviewed either supported or are prepared to support the Front.

"We found that young people were deeply divided over the Front.

A third of those interviewed were prepared to express hostility towards "coloured immigrants"; only 53 per cent were against repatriation.

Journalists face dismissal over sanctions

By Our Labour Staff

Thomson Regional Newspapers has issued a warning to 310 more journalists that they will be dismissed from tomorrow unless they lift sanctions in their pay dispute with the company.

Journalists at all the company's provincial newspaper centres except Edinburgh have been called out on a 24-hour strike today in protest at the earlier dismissals of 77 colleagues at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

The emergency committee of the National Union of Journalists' executive will tomorrow consider a call for the action to be extended into an indefinite strike starting next week.

Mr Charles Harkness, the union's deputy general secretary, said last night that 236 journalists at Newcastle upon Tyne and Merthyr Tydfil, a weekly paper centre, were at present holding continuous mandatory meetings. A further 464 journalists at other centres are said to be operating sanctions of varying effectiveness.

QC says he took blood sample thinking it was his

A Crown Court recorder who denies attempting to obstruct the course of justice told a jury at Oxford Crown Court yesterday that he picked up a sample of his own blood in a police station thinking it was the one made available to him for independent analysis.

"I wanted to get my personal property in some sort of order", Philip Loscombe Wintringham Owen, QC, aged 58, leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit, said.

Mr Owen has pleaded not guilty to attempting to obstruct the course of justice by taking and concealing a bag containing the blood sample. On Tuesday he changed his plea to one of guilty on a charge of driving with excess alcohol in his blood.

In the witness box yesterday he said he had been to a circuit dinner at the Cardiff and County Club. He drank whisky, white and red wine and vintage port at the meal, and had been nervous about a 20-minute speech he had to make.

While driving to a friend's house in Swansea after the dinner he was stopped by the police. He had been driving for more than forty years with a clean licence. "This is my first lapse", he said.

Mr Owen said he remembered that a Jiffy bag containing the blood sample had been on the table in the police surgeon's room at Bridgend police station. He saw his name on it so he picked it up.

Mr Richard Du Cann, QC, for the defence, asked: "Was there any question of wanting to go into the lavatory to get rid of something which may be incriminating to you?"

Mr Owen replied: "None whatever. It did not enter my mind at all."

Mr Alan Coulthard, junior counsel on the Wales and Chester Circuit, said he was at the dinner and told Mr Owen he was not in any condition to drive a motor car.

Lord Edmund-Davies said of Mr Owen: "He is the nicest but not the wisest of men. He is at times impulsive."

The trial continues today.

Man who spent public cash on boat jailed

Peter Lusher, aged 56, the dismissed council head of recreational services at Haringey, north London, was sentenced at Snaresbrook Crown Court, London, yesterday to 18 months' imprisonment.

He admitted five charges of obtaining council money by deception by ordering material purportedly for council work, and asked for 20 other offences to be considered.

The court was told that Mr Lusher, of Elm Park Road, Winchmore Hill, had spent £1,767 of public money to fit out a boat.

He had repaid the money he obtained, and the boat, which was confiscated by the police, now belongs to him.

Jamaican raped woman in revenge after seeing 'Roots'

A Jamaican was jailed for six years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for raping a white schoolteacher aged 20. He was said to have done it in revenge after watching Roots, a television film about slavery.

Frank George Pitter, aged 41, a self-employed welder, of Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, north London, took the woman to accommodation in Battersea on a pretext, violently attacked here and forced her to undress.

Mr John Hilton, for the prosecution, said: "He started talking about the film called Roots and said he was going to treat her like the white men treated black women."

Mr Pitter denied rape and assaulting a constable in the execution of his duty, but was convicted of both offences.

He was given a concurrent three months sentence for the assault.

Judge Bernard Gillis, QC, passing sentence, said: "You pursued a deliberate course with this young woman and undoubtedly put her in terror."

Mr Hilton said that after the woman had been lured into the flat she was grabbed round the neck, punched in the stomach, and was told by Pitter that he was going to have sexual intercourse with her whether she liked it or not.

A second man charged with raping the woman was acquitted.

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Call to outlaw cane in children's homes after verdict on birch

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

An immediate ban on corporal punishment in children's homes was called for yesterday after the declaration by the European Court of Human Rights, that the birching of young offenders on the Isle of Man was a breach of human rights.

Mr Christopher Andrews, general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, said that if birching a convicted criminal was illegal and degrading there must be legal doubts about caning children in homes.

The association's Nottinghamshire branch said that caning in children's homes must be regarded as a form of battering. It advised social workers who discovered such cases to follow the procedures laid down for dealing with child abuse.

The branch said: "If it is illegal to give three strokes of the birch to a tried and convicted male offender, it must be equally illegal and morally repugnant to give six strokes of a cane to a child or adolescent who may not even have committed a legal offence and who has not had a trial or appeal before punishment."

Mr Andrews asked Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, to forbid corporal punishment in community homes pending a legal review. The European court's decision raised both moral and legal questions that should be acted on, he said.

A recent paper published by the development group in Mr Ennals's department said that children in community homes were being punished illegally because the local authorities responsible had not complied with the regulations. It said: "There is a good deal of evidence to show that physical punishment is unlikely to prove effective in correcting unacceptable behaviour, and its use cannot be condoned."

The Department of Health and Social Security is considering changes to the regulations on corporal punishment but details have not yet been made public.

Social workers in Nottinghamshire have been campaigning against corporal punishment in community homes since last November, when the county council decided to reintroduce its discretionary use. Three of the six community homes given the new discretionary power have adopted the use of the cane.

Life jail for wife who lured man to his death

Mrs Pamela (Kalinda) Chapman, who was said to have lured her husband to a beach where he was killed by her two lovers, was found guilty at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday of his murder.

A jury reached the verdict after an eight-day trial, and Mr Justice Jupp sentenced Mrs Chapman to life imprisonment. Later Mr Harry Ognall, QC, for the defence, said there would be an appeal.

Mrs Chapman, aged 39, was told by the judge: "You have been found guilty by the jury on convincing and strong evidence of murder. It was a particularly wicked murder, planned well in advance."

The court was told that Mrs Chapman, of Staintondale Avenue, Dormanstown, near Redcar, Cleveland, told the police that she loved her husband and she was afraid to go to the police because she was afraid of one of the two men who carried out the attack.

The two men, who the Crown said were her lovers, John Wright, aged 21, and Alan Stoddart, aged 28, were given life sentences in December after being found guilty of murdering Mr Chapman in April last year.

It was stated during the trial that Brian Chapman was unconscious but not dead when Mrs Chapman's lovers were dragging him towards the water to dump him there.

It was also stated that Mrs Chapman lured her husband on to a lonely stretch of Redcar beach and stood by holding the coats of her two lovers while her husband was throttled and then dumped in the sea, where he drowned.

Mr Wright, a steelworks driver, and Mr Stoddart, a lavatory cleaner, were said to be under her spell

Chevening fête

The Prince of Wales has lent the grounds of Chevening House, near Sevenoaks, Kent, for a fête on July 15 to raise money for Chipstead Lake Cheshire home for the disabled.

MP asks if more secrets of last war can be disclosed

By a Staff Reporter

The Prime Minister is to be asked in Parliament whether government archives contain any more secret material dealing with the Second World War intelligence activities that can safely be disclosed under the 30-year rule.

Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Melton, has put down a series of questions for written reply by Mr Callaghan on May 3. Among them is a request for the Prime Minister to make a statement about the publication of an official history of wartime intelligence which is being prepared in the Cabinet Office, and an inquiry about what, if any, effect the United States Freedom of Information Act has had on the release of material on joint allied operations between 1941 and 1945.

Mr Latham said yesterday: "My concern is purely historical. Although all the files relating to the Second World War are between 33 and 38 years old, I accept entirely that any genuinely sensitive material must remain secret as long as is necessary."

Will the sound of the milkman's float disappear from Britain's streets?

EEC regulations threaten to condemn the dairy roundsman

By Philip Howard

Wine is the drink of the French; beer the drink of the Germans; and milk the drink of the British. Because we drink more than any other nation except the southern Irish, we can afford that peculiar British institution: the milk roundsman. But his early morning patrol around the empty streets in that peculiar British vehicle, the milk float, is threatened by EEC regulations against monopolies.

The Dairy Trades Federation is holding its conference at Eastbourne, on the theme that it has added to the lexicon of the English language, "Pinta Value". On Sunday, delegates saw a procession of milk delivery through the ages along the sea front. It was led by a milkman's pushcart of 1900. We may have reached the end of that procession, if EEC rules are applied.

"The cow is of the bovine ilk; One end is moo, the other milk."

Getting the milk out of the cow and into the mouths of an urban society is not so simple. Milk goes bad quickly, is easily contaminated, and is produced far away from where it is drunk. The amount produced fluctuates greatly with the seasons. A complex chain of distribution links the cow in its rural area to the silver-topped bottle at 12½p delivered to the city doorstep.

Until quite recently, because of the difficulty of distribution, dairies were little local industries in Britain, as they are in other countries. Cows were tethered in St James's Park, and city dairymen brought a few cows into their backyards for a week before sending them out to grass again and replacing them with others fresh from the country.

In 1932, for reasons of hygiene, economy, and efficiency, milk marketing boards were set up as the sole buyers of milk in Britain. There is one for the 53,000 dairy farmers of England and Wales, three for Scotland, and one for Northern Ireland. The boards are run by the dairy farmers themselves and operate under the Agricultural Marketing Act, 1958, or Northern Ireland legislation.

Their distribution and advertising have been so successful that we drink 32,788,000 pints a day in England and Wales, or about four-and-three-quarter pints each a week. Liquid milk forms 60 per cent of the British dairy market, far more than in any other country in the EEC except the Irish Republic. The vast quantity drunk pays for the complicated and expensive distribution system, but only just.

If the milk marketing boards lost their monopoly as sole buyers of milk, costs of distribution for Unigate, Express, and the other dairies might rise. When the price of milk goes up, as it has recently, consumption falls. We might find ourselves in a vicious circle in which rising prices led to falling demand and the milk roundsman became no longer profitable.

If milk is not drunk it has to be quickly processed into butter, cheese, powder, or some other manufactured product. Hence come butter mountains in countries where they do not drink half as much milk as the British.

The present threat to the British milkman arises from the natural desire of the EEC to harmonize and control the prices of manufactured milk products.

Britain's EEC partners are concerned that we are cross-subsidizing our butter, cheese, and other manufactured milk products from our high returns on liquid milk, so making unfair competition for their dairy products. Some of them also feel that Britain's health and hygiene regulations for milk are unduly stringent and hamper the free flow of dairy imports.

There are about 40,000 milk roundsmen delivering from doorstep to doorstep in Britain's streets. They deliver to 15 million homes every morning, or 92 per cent of the households of England and Wales. Of our vast daily consumption of milk, 90 per cent is delivered to the doorstep, 8 per cent is bought in dairies and other shops, and the remaining 2 per cent finds its way from cow to drinker in more idiosyncratic ways.

The British milk roundsman is the most cost-efficient system in a society that drinks so much milk. As Churchill said, there is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies, and the rest of us. Mr John Silkin Minister of Agriculture, says he is not going to put up with any nonsense like removing the British milkman from his daily round.

Advice to pilots on heart attacks

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Many pilots do not take the risk of heart attack seriously, the Civil Aviation Authority said in London yesterday.

Commenting on a report of a working party of the Royal College of Physicians on cardiovascular fitness of airline pilots, the authority said a section giving health advice to pilots was, perhaps, the most important, as it noted that most cardiovascular risk factors could be avoided or controlled.

To help in preventing coronary artery disease pilots were advised in the report to take adequate rest and exercise, restrict obesity, reduce "fatty" foods, stop smoking and avoid alcohol in excess.

The working party was set up after the crash in 1973 of the BEA Trident Papa India at Staines, near London airport, with the loss of all 118 on board. It was presumed that the aircraft commander had had a heart attack during take-off and that was partly responsible for the disaster.

Among the main recommendations the report made yesterday were:

medical examination before acceptance for training should be stringent;

an independent cardiovascular advisory panel should be available to assess difficult cases and to act in an appeal capacity, reporting its findings to the Civil Aviation Authority;

use of a waiver system should be encouraged to permit pilots suffering from certain minor cardiovascular disorders to retain their licences, subject to limitations of flying duties.

Routine medical examination of trained pilots should have three objectives, the report said: to ensure the safety of pilot, crew and passengers; to detect early signs of ill health; and to give simple health advice to keep pilots "fit and flying" rather than "grumbling and grounded".

In its comments on the report, the aviation authority said that most of its recommendations had already been implemented.

One general point to be borne in mind in considering the recommendations was that because of the changing age structure, as former war pilots retired, fewer pilots were having serious medical troubles, and fewer than half of those were caused by cardiovascular disease.

In 1975 65 pilots lost their licences, 41 because of cardiovascular troubles. The comparative figures were 38 and 18 in 1976, and 17 and eight in 1977.

"It is also worth noting that there has been only one fatal accident involving a United Kingdom public transport aircraft—the Papa India Trident—in the past 20 years in which a medical disorder was thought to be a contributory factor", the authority added.

Research had already been done or was being done as far as was practicable in all the subjects recommended in the report.

American economist has a plan for Mrs Thatcher

By Peter Hennessy

Professor James Buchanan, a leading American economist who is in London this week to lecture on the economics of politics, has drawn up a four-point plan to which Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, might commit herself during the first week of a future Conservative government should she wish to demonstrate the intention of overturning 30 years of Keynesian economic policies.

Professor Buchanan, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is regarded by free market economists in Britain as a transatlantic seer almost on a parallel with Professor Milton Friedman, of Chicago University. As the leading exponent of the theory of public choice (which holds that public institutions and officials should be subjected to the same kind of rigorous economic analysis as the private sector and businessmen), he is believed to be doing for the British bureaucracy what Professor Friedman has done for the country's perception of monetary policy.

After presiding at a seminar organized by the Institute of Economic Affairs this week, Professor Buchanan outlined his plan to me. He prefaced its disclosure with the remark: "I am sure Mrs Thatcher will not take the advice, but I am going to give it anyway."

If Mrs Thatcher is to have any chance of combating the entrenched spending interests of Whitehall, she must within seven days of entering 10 Downing Street commit herself to the following pledges:

1. No new taxes to be introduced during the lifetime of her government.
2. Existing taxes to be index-linked to prevent inflation from benefiting the Exchequer.
3. No increase in public spendin above present levels.
4. Not a single extra public em ployee to be taken on.

These pledges, Professo Buchanan admits, would reduc Mrs Thatcher's flexibility b they would transform th climate of economic polic making. To renounce then once made, would prove high embarrassing in political term

Such built-in constraints wo necessary for her to be effe tive. The Conservatives shou go to the country on the slog "Let us go on a diet.", Britain was politically and go ernmentally obese.

Professor Buchanan believ that should Mrs Thatcher, wh is a keen student of the thin ing of the Institute of Econom Affairs, take his advice a implement it, it would have profound impact in the Unit States. Her achievement wou bring hope to those America who fear for their country economic health and subscri to the view that the Unit States adopts the bad/go habits of the United Kingdo after a time lag of 15 years.

In a pamphlet, *The Con quences of Mr Keynes*, to published tomorrow, Profess Buchanan, with his co-autho Professor Richard Wagner, the Virginia Polytechnic Ins tute, and Mr John Burton, Kingston Polytechnic, tack the economic orthodoxy British and American gover ments in recent years.

He concludes: "The mou ing historical evidence of the effects of Keynes's ideas c not continue to be ignor Keynesian economics turned the politicians loose has destroyed the effective c straint on politicians' ordin appetities to spend and spe without the apparent neces to tax."

The Consequences of Mr Ke (IEA, 2 Lord North Street, L don, SW1, £1.50).

Students' benefit may be limited

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Government is to try for a second time to limit the payment of unemployment benefit to students during the Christmas and Easter vacations. New draft regulations requiring them to pay at least twice the number of insurance contributions as other people before qualifying have been sent to the National Insurance Advisory Committee.

The Committee rejected the Government's last attempt on the ground that students who had paid enough national insurance contributions and who were available for work should continue to qualify on the same basis as other people.

The new regulations would allow most mature students, the group about whom there was most concern, to continue to qualify in the short vacations since they will have national insurance contribution records going back some years. But they would bar from unemployment benefit many young students going to university straight from school.

The new regulations, which the Government hopes will be in force in time for the Christmas vacation, this year, impose an additional contribution condition on students. They would have to have paid contributions on defined levels of earnings since April, 1975, which amount to twice the minimum requirement under unemployment benefit rules.

The National Union of Students pointed out yesterday that some students would have to pay more than twice the amount in contributions as before, since the present regulations allow credited contributions to count. The NUS intends to oppose the new draft regulations on principle but is gratified that many of the points it made to the committee last year have been accepted.

The proposed additional condition would not apply to claims for unemployment benefit during the summer vacation, when education grants are not paid.

Representations on the draft regulations should be made in writing to the Secretary, National Insurance Advisory Committee, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London, SE1 6BY.

Mr Whitelaw replies to critics on immigration

By John Winder
Parliamentary Staff

Mr William Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Conservative Party, replied to his critics yesterday, declaring his firm belief in the immigration policies of his party.

In a speech to the Parliamentary Press Gallery, he emphasized that he had made up his mind more than 18 months ago and had not wavered

Since Mrs Margaret Thatcher had asked him to shadow home affairs in 1976, the more he had investigated and discussed race relations issues and the more he had felt that one lesson he had learnt as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland was applicable, even though the situations were not analogous.

That was that if people different groups and ba grounds were to be persuad to live together amicably was first necessary as far possible to calm fears, whet real or imaginary, which br hostility and bitterness.

The border referendum Northern Ireland had remov many genuine fears about forcing the province into uni with the South.

"As a result, I came to firm conclusion that success promoting racial harmony this country depended crucia on the ability of governme convincingly to dispel the w rumours about future numb eligible to come here, promo by those who seek to stir racial tensions.

Bob Monkhouse on plot charge

Bob Monkhouse, the television performer, and three other men faced committal proceedings at Wells Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday. They are accused of conspiracy to defraud film companies out of hiring fees for 16mm home films.

Appearing with Mr Monkhouse, aged 49, of Eglington, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordsh were Anthony Scott, aged 3 company director, of Wo hurst Road, Acton, Lond Ronald Van-Sittart, aged 30, engineer, of Alric Avenue, Malden, Surrey; and Br Barnett, aged 40, a film e bitor, of The Rutles, Bus Heath, Hertfordshire.

The hearing continues to

Fire damages farm

The police are investigating a fire at Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire, that damaged buildings on a farm belonging to Mr Ralph Coates, father of Miss Marion Mould, one of Britain's top show jumpers.

Four hurt in blast

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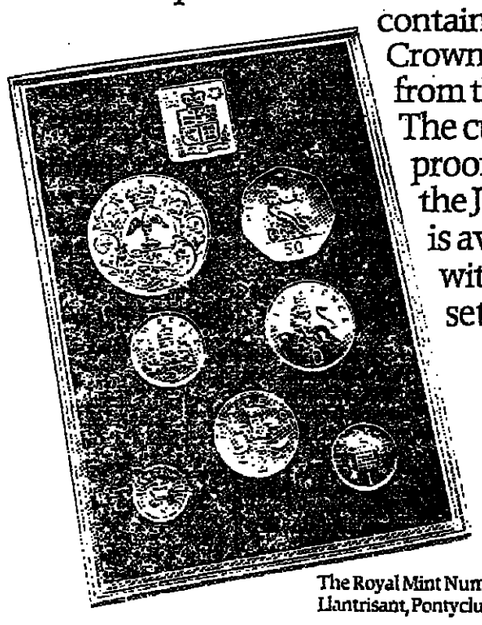
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Written by Rosemary Dawson-Shepherd, aspastic.

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7 More research is needed into the complex factors involved in maternal malnutrition.

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HOME NEWS

Recruitment of women 'no answer to fall in police manpower'

From Alan Hamilton
Peebles

Police pay and conditions have deteriorated to such an extent that the manpower of the service is "melting away like ice cream in the streets of hell", Det Sergeant Frederick Conner, chairman of the Scottish Police Federation said yesterday.

He told the federation's annual conference at Peebles that the recruitment of a higher proportion of women was no solution, as they were incapable of handling the violence that officers on the beat had to face.

Mr Conner said the Sex Discrimination Act was unworkable in the police force. He added: "A far greater proportion of the officers on the street are women than the overall establishment ratio suggests. This inevitably throws more work and more of the liability to violence upon the male officer, because the supervisory officer is understandably reluctant to send one of these young women to a potentially violent situation, and who would blame him?"

"I am not saying there is no place for women in the police service. Of course there is. There are some exceptional woman officers, but they have their limitations. God made us differently and an Act of Parliament cannot change that."

Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said it was not true that women were swamping the intake of recruits; in the last quarter only 13 per cent of new entrants were women.

Sgt Conner said it was no secret that the 1977 crime statistics being prepared by chief constables would show a very large increase in most areas. "The police service is at this moment a thin barrier between the forces of anarchy and the decent population at large", he said.

"Successive governments have allowed the service to deteriorate to inadequacy through their extreme reluctance to permit the policeman to keep pace with his counterparts in other employments in the fields of pay and conditions. They demand more and more of him, and reward him with less and less."

During last year there were 884 recruits to Scottish police forces, well down on the record figure of 1,416 in 1975, but in the same period 1,155 officers retired or resigned.

Mr Millan disappointed the 250 delegates by being unable to give any clue to the date of publication of Lord Edmund-Davies's report on long-term police pay and conditions, whose findings the Government is committed to accepting. He said Scottish local authorities had been allowed an increase of £2m to spend on police forces in the present year.

Mr Conner said of the police: "The job is no longer competitive with the majority of other employments. The pay is abysmal, the conditions infinitely more demanding, the frustrations infinitely more trying, the leave infinitely less."

'Tortured' widow moved to a new home

A new home has been found for the Nottingham widow who, it has been alleged, was tortured by children to make her hand over her pension each week.

Yesterday the city's social services department helped her to move to a short-stay old peoples' home until more suitable accommodation is found. The police are investigating allegations of torture that is said to have taken place at her old council flat at Hyson Green.

Miss Susanna Popplestone, a solicitor acting for the widow, said a gang of children, including girls, had broken one of the widow's fingers, made her drink urine, kicked and punched her and smashed her furniture. Miss Popplestone said she was appalled at the violence used on the woman, who is epileptic and has a heart ailment. Each week she was left with only a few pence out of her pension.

Miss Popplestone said she had no personal knowledge that other elderly women in the area had been suffering a similar plight, although she had been told that others had been terrified by the youngsters.

A police officer confirmed that some children have already appeared in court and others are due to appear. Special parrols are to be made in the flats where the widow lived. Mr William Whitelock, Labour MP for Nottingham, North, has asked the police and social services why the widow was not helped earlier.

Disappointing intake of coloured officers

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The results of a campaign to recruit more black and Asian police officers must cause serious disappointment, a White Paper published yesterday says.

The Metropolitan Police carried out a special advertising drive in late 1975 and early 1976 designed to attract applications from members of ethnic minority groups. A similar campaign was mounted by the Home Office for other forces.

On December 31, 1977, the White Paper says, there were 199 officers from ethnic minorities in England and Wales. That compares with a total police strength at that time of 108,201.

It adds: "Although the number of police officers from the ethnic minorities remains small in proportion to the service as a whole, the total has continued to rise and the increase has been marked over the last two years."

In the Metropolitan Police (strength: 22,012 on December 31) officers from "ethnic minorities" then numbered 82, compared with only 39 on December 31, 1975. The figure for all forces in England and Wales was then 134. West Indians are known to have made up a significant proportion of the increase.

The report notes suggestions that the "relatively limited success of these efforts" is a result of a reluctance by many in the West Indian community to identify with membership of the police service. "Another factor may be the beliefs which some people hold about police attitudes and behaviour towards the West Indian community."

The White Paper is the Government's reply to a report on the West Indian community by the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration.

Mr Frederick Willey, MP, chairman of the select committee, said yesterday that he was encouraged by the positive response of the Government. By and large it had accepted the committee's recommendations.

The most crucial decision, he added, was to accept the recommendation that there should be a special inquiry into educational issues involving minorities, but giving priority to identifying any weaknesses in the system affecting the achievement of pupils of West Indian origin.

The Government says it is aware of surveys already made which indicate that, taken as a group, West Indian pupils fail to achieve their full potential in comparison with other groups in school tests.

The Government has accepted that a start should be made on the collection of educational statistics on an ethnic basis, including West Indians. Arrangements will be worked out in consultation with those concerned, the White Paper says. The Government hopes that the first returns of information will be made in January, 1980.

The West Indian Community. Observations of the report of the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration. (Cmnd 7186, Stationery Office, 60p.)



Lord Soames, formerly Sir Christopher Soames, before his introduction into the House of Lords yesterday.

Racial tension 'raised by intemperate language'

By a Staff Reporter

Mr David Lane, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, yesterday accused politicians who were committed to racial harmony of "excessive preoccupation and intemperate language over immigration".

He told the Huddersfield Community Relations Council: "They have unnecessarily raised the temperature of controversy. The only comfort I derive from recent events is the evidence of calm and common sense at local level."

In Brixton, he said, tensions might well have increased to breaking point during the by-election, but the multiracial community kept cool admirably.

Blickling's ghosts dramatize our heritag

From Philip Howard
Blickling

Ghosts from two cen past brought Blickling Hal Norfolk, enchantingly to yesterday. The giggle of a girls gasped as one among small woman as they were comed to the rose-red Jaco hall by the second Earl of Ingham shire in wig, eighte century costume and a courtesy. He asked with sive condescension why their coach had had to ch horses often on their jou from Norwich.

It was an imaginative National Trust venture dramatize our heritage for dren, who tend to be bore the conventional guided to stately homes and all that niture with which they ca identify. A professional pany of six actors and musi directed by Mrs Dot Mc is going to reenact appro plots from the past thir mer in National Trust pr ties from Cotehele Hous Cornwall, to Wallington in Northumberland.

Each actor or actress a group of about 10 chil as accomplices into an exc story that leads them he each other's heels through house and grounds, and lessly teaches them a great as they go.

So at Blickling, where scheme has started this while one group helped countess put on her busk had beauty patches painte themselves, others helpe maid in mob cap in the chens, or arrested a peas the woods red-handed w rabbit. It takes split-s timing to have all the g meet in the Long Gallery, its glorious Jacobean pl work, to be taught the n by Marie Antoinette's c ously camp dancing master really did come to Norwich left his name to the cinem

Weeks of meticulous res and rehearsal go to produc scripts. At Blickling the refusing to use the fine piano for the dancing le because it would be an a ronism. It works. Disbel consciously suspended in easy way that children escape into fantasy.

Even the rough eggs fr Cromer school, who sh "Rod Steward" when steward introduced him joined heartily in the chri ing service for the earl countess's daughter in church at the end. The baby will have been bap 10 times by the Vicar of ling in period costume b end of the week.

Children are charged each for the journey int ixy; Norfolk County C pays half for children state schools.

Ordinary early-season to gaped yesterday as el ghosts in Georgian costum packs of entranced chi through the vast and marv house, to hide with the go in the attics, or advise the whether to have him hu when he was caught. "Cu his fingers", a helpful f egg suggested.

It is an enjoyable new way to the past that is t to prove to lots of little tick this summer that hi is real and can be fun.

An urgent hearing for bookmaker

Mr John Banks, the bookmaker, lost a High Court plea yesterday for an immediate suspension of the Jockey Club decision on Tuesday to ban him from racecourses for three years.

Mr Justice Willis, sitting in private, dismissed his application for a temporary injunction but ordered that his case against the Jockey Club should be heard as a matter of urgency next Tuesday. Mr Banks, aged 43, of Stanningdale, Berkshire, is to seek a declaration that the ban is void.

Earlier, Mr Banks's solicitor issued a writ against the Jockey Club, which will be served today.

Mr Banks and John Francome, the former champion hurdles jockey, were found guilty by the Jockey Club on Tuesday of "conduct likely to cause serious damage to the interests of horseracing". In addition to the ban, Mr Banks was fined £2,500. Mr Francome was suspended from riding until June 3 and fined £750.

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee found that both men had broken a Jockey Club rule in that Mr Francome had supplied Mr Banks with confidential information, at Mr Banks's request, about horses in training.

The committee also ruled that Mr Francome had received favours, but cleared both men of other allegations, including conspiring to do a corrupt act.

Standards set for council houses 'unnecessarily high'

From John Roper
Bournemouth

Standards for the size and amenities of council houses laid down in the 1960s by the Parker-Morris committee are too high, Mr Clifford Darley, housing director of the borough of Wirral, said yesterday. He thought space could be reduced by 15 per cent.

Interviewed after a discussion on housing policies at the Royal Society of Health congress at Bournemouth, he questioned the need for more than one power socket in every room or a ventilated food cupboard when the average woman would probably have a refrigerator. Many houses had two lavatories, which he considered a luxury; quarry-tiled floors were unnecessary because they were usually covered by a carpet. Often the tenant could not afford to run the elaborate heating system.

Mr Darley said the average three-bedroom house cost about £11,500 if privately built; for local authorities, having to follow the Parker-Morris standards, the cost was £1. More houses could be bui each site at less cost if authorities and not the Go ment decided on standard

Mr Darley thought that vate ownership should be aim in housing, but co houses cost so much that tenants could not afford r them, although they would to. They were beginnin recognize the benefits of ov their homes: fewer restric and controls, greater choic mobility and the realizatio rents were artificially low must rise. Higher wages, mortgages and the gr availability of houses ha an increasing number to rather than rent.

Mr William Woof, direct housing at Gateshead an adviser to the Departmer the Environment, said today 31 per cent of dwe were rented from council per cent from private land and 51 per cent were o occupied. In 1951 the fi were 19, 50 and 31 per cen

Captain Phillips fine 'in line with other cases'

The £15 speeding fine imposed at Bow Street Magistrates' Court on April 10 on Captain Mark Phillips was in line with similar cases, Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, has told Mr Sydney Tierney, Labour MP for Birmingham, Yardley, who had protested that it was too low.

Lord Elwyn-Jones said in a letter that Sir Kenneth Barraclough, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at the time, who heard the case, had assured him that the fine was entirely in line with the general level of penalties he applied in similar cases.

Mr Tierney had pointed out that according to a parliamentary reply he had received the average fine at Bow Street for a speeding offence was £15.7, compared with £20.1 at all other magistrates' courts in England and Wales.

Barrister is suspended for a year

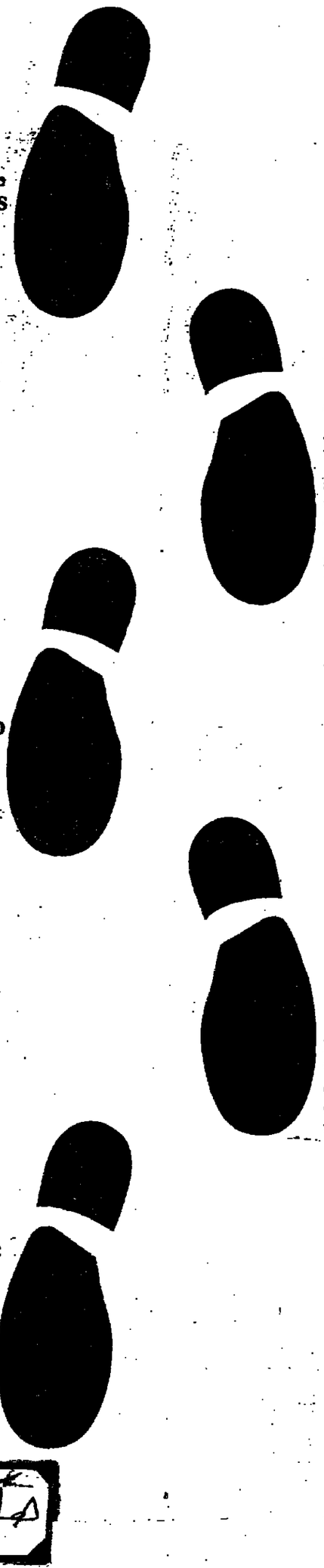
Shaikh Ali Mohan Ershad, a barrister of Inn, has been suspended practice for a year for conduct, acting in tion with immigration a without being instructed solicitor.

The Bar Senate Discip Tribunal had originally im an 18-month suspension b was reduced to 12 mont appeal. Mr Ershad had the charges.

In its findings, publishe terday, the tribunal point that Mr Ershad, chief adv the voluntary Banglades visory Service, had recei fees for his work in con with the appeals and ha appeared at any of the hearings.

Mr Ershad is also an ad of the Bangladesh Su Court, where the lega fession is not divided separate branches.

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WEST EUROPE

Barre Cabinet puts up prices sharply in post-election shock

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 26

The French Cabinet decided today to increase the prices of a whole range of public services —gas, electricity, transport and postage—by from 9 per cent to 20 per cent.

This decision, so soon after the elections, was not unexpected, but it comes as something of a shock to the man in the street, who finds it hard to reconcile with the Government's oft-proclaimed determination to fight inflation, and to inaugurate a dialogue with the unions, which are bound to react adversely.

Last year, too, prices were raised as part of the policy of putting the heavily subsidized nationalized industries back on an even keel and returning to what is called "the reality of prices", which means making the consumer pay more and the taxpayer less.

This time railway fares will go up by 15 per cent, gas and electricity by 10 per cent, coal by nearly 9 per cent, postage by 20 per cent. This is short, however, of what the nationalized industries demanded.

M Barre, the Prime Minister, said today that the increases were the only way of reducing the nationalized sector's deficit. Further subsidies would increase the overall budget deficit and loans were already widely used.

Today's decision is closely linked with the Government's ambition to restore a normal competitive price system. It goes hand in hand with the Prime Minister's announced intention of removing by stages the industrial price controls enforced since 1945 and, as a corollary, reducing state aid to private industry.

What the government is about to ask of the private sector, it had in the name of consistency to demand of the public one as well.

The question is how far the Government can go in applying strict economic criteria to nationalized enterprises and public services. The increases decided today will reduce state subsidies, which this year will amount to 30,000m francs (£3,570m), by a mere 1,000m francs, and next year by 2,000m francs.

The increases are bound to have adverse repercussions on the price index, as well as the removal of price controls, even if industrialists act responsibly. To this the Prime Minister replied today: "A high price index is not a bad one when it reflects a healthier state of the economy."

The elections have given the Government a certain freedom of action in economic policy. The left is divided and the unions have adopted to a more realistic attitude. They no longer refuse to negotiate.

M René Monory, the new energetic Minister for Economic Affairs, said bluntly a few days ago: "We have lived 30 years in a publicly assisted economy with industrialists used to asking for aid. Today the aim is to carry out a revolution—to make them responsible.

Nine years in jail for man wanted by Yard

Innsbruck, April 25.—Frank Maple, wanted for questioning by Scotland Yard, was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment here today for robbing an Austrian hotel.

The jury of six men and two women deliberated for three hours before deciding unanimously that he took part in the theft of jewels and cash worth about £135,000 from the Lebenberg Palace Hotel in Kitzbuhel in February, 1977.

Mr Maple, aged 38, from Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, will eventually be extradited to Britain where he is wanted for questioning in connexion with the country's biggest bank robbery, an £8m raid on the London branch of the Bank of America.

He sat impassively as Judge Walter Murr read out the verdict, and shrugged when his lawyer leaned over to translate the sentence into English.

Before being led out of court, handcuffed to two policemen, Mr Maple said to a reporter: "It seems rather a long time, doesn't it?"

His lawyer immediately lodged a double appeal—for the annulment of the trial and against the nine-year sentence, which he described as "very harsh".

Legal sources said Mr Maple would have to serve up to a third of his Austrian sentence before being extradited.

Mr Maple was arrested in Greece last May after being sought by Interpol in Spain, Morocco and West Germany.—Reuter.



Thieves have stolen the Manneken Pis, torn from its base in a Brussels fountain on Tuesday night. The statue was only a copy: the original, made by Duquesnoy in 1619, is in a museum. The Manneken represents a boy who, according to folklore, used the best means at his disposal to extinguish a firebrand, tossed into the city by invading soldiers.

Bavaria offers money to tempt women back into maternity wards

The disappearing children of Germany

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, April 26

The Bavarian Government is offering tempting financial rewards to coax young people to marry and have children.

From July 1, couples under the age of 35 will be able to get a loan of more than 5,000 marks (£1,250) when they marry and another 5,000 marks at the birth of their first child, to be repaid at low interest over seven years.

But what the authorities hope will get the maternity wards busy again is the promise that the parents may keep 1,500 marks (£375) when the first child is born, another 2,000 marks for the second and as much as 2,500 marks for the third. The Government has not thought about what to offer for further offspring: "We no longer dare hope for four or more", a spokesman said.

The incentives reflect a problem that is expected to become an important political issue here in the coming years—a steep and steady decline in the birth rate.

For reasons which Government experts are trying to discover West Germans are becoming increasingly reluctant to marry and reproduce. In Bavaria, for instance, marriages have declined by 27 per cent since the mid-sixties and divorces increased by about 137 per cent. The number of births has fallen by about 50 per cent.

West Germany as a whole now has the lowest birth rate in Europe, and possibly in the world. Statistically, West Germans are producing only .65 babies each.

If the present rate continues, the population will have dropped from 57,900,000 to 52,000,000 by the year 2000, and would reach 22,000,000 by 2,070.

The federal ministry of youth, Family and Health has found it necessary to point out that the trend can change and that rumours that the German nation is dying were exaggerated.

The federal Government is already studying incentives for child-bearing, but the ministry doubts whether financial assistance would make people want more children, as West Germans are already better off than most Europeans.

The issue has emotional overtones in West Germany. Memories of the Nazi era, with its rewards and decorations for big families, have left a strong distaste for the subject. The decline is causing concern, however, and at present no one has been able to suggest a real solution.

A Government paper last year said young couples see children as costing them time, money and many sacrifices. They consider them an obstacle, particularly to women, in their careers and a threat to their high standard of living.

Many couples want only one or most no more than two; and the number of couples who do not want any is growing steadily.

Mr Silkin defends the milk boards

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, April 26

Mr John Silkin, the Minister of Agriculture, today defended Britain's milk marketing boards as being vital for maintaining doorstep deliveries of fresh milk and high consumption.

The disappearance of the boards, he said, would have "an enormous effect". Medium-sized distributors would tend to be swallowed and there would be real problems of distribution on the edges of towns.

As a result, "there would be great pressure for milk, whether British or foreign, to head towards the supermarkets (for sale in non-fresh form) because as far as dairies' commercial interests are concerned it would not matter desperately to them if that happened".

This was what had occurred in most other EEC states, where consumption of liquid milk was falling. By contrast, the British were drinking twice as much milk as before the war. Their consumption was double that of almost all other member states.

Mr Silkin was speaking to journalists during a break here in this year's farm price negotiations, where he is fighting for the right of the milk marketing boards to continue in more or less their present form.

Mr Silkin's argument is broadly accepted by Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner in charge of Agriculture.

Given the surplus of dairy produce in the EEC, any decline in British consumption would be disastrous, Mr Gundelach believes. The Commission has, therefore, proposed that the milk marketing boards should be retained, subject to some modifications, even though their monopoly powers over buying and pricing are legally incompatible with the Community's free trade rules.

But other EEC dairy producers fear that the marketing boards' pricing powers could be used to discriminate against their exports of milk products to Britain.

German terrorist sentenced to life imprisonment

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, April 26

Günter Sonnenberg, a presumed Baader-Meinhof terrorist, was sentenced to life imprisonment today for the attempted murder of two policemen.

Herr Sonnenberg and Frau Verena Becker, who received a similar sentence in a separate trial, were stopped by police in May last year. Claiming that their identity papers were in their car, the couple went to the vehicle, pulled out weapons and opened fire.

Police suspect them of taking part in the murder of Dr Siegfried Buback, the federal prosecutor.



Slashed van Gogh: Two diagonal slashes, almost cutting this famous self-portrait of Vincent van Gogh into four parts, were being examined by restoration experts in Amsterdam yesterday. The picture was slashed at the Van Gogh Museum on Tuesday by a Dutch painter, aged 32, whose name has not yet been disclosed.

Police said that the man was in need of psychiatric care. Some time ago he had been evicted from his home and had lost his grant from the government for destitute artists.

"After that he was in a psychiatric ward for some time. He claims his repeated requests to be readmitted there were rejected and he said his attack on the painting was a call of distress", the police spokesman said.

It was the second attack this month on a van Gogh. On April 7 a painter, aged 31, slashed "La Berceuse" in the Amsterdam Municipal Museum.

Nationalists of Europe to form group

From David Wood
Strasbourg, April 26

Another European political group is in the process of being born. Behind the scenes at the meeting of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg today 16 nationalist party leaders, including Mr George Reid of the Scottish National Party, discussed the creation of a European alliance.

Like the conservative European Democratic Union founded in Austria on Monday, the so-called "Mixed Group" is to be a broad alliance rather than the fount of common tactical policies.

It already includes Basques and Catalans, but today it remained doubtful whether the French Gaullists and Irish Fianna Fáil will also join it.

One substantial advantage in both the Council of Europe and the European Parliament of forming unattached or independent MPs into a recognized group is access to European funds and staffing.

The 20-member Council of Europe is riven by the wish of Lichtenstein, now only an observer, to be promoted to full membership. It is said that the British Foreign Office is favouring full membership or at any rate not hostile to it, but British Labour MPs are fighting a rearguard campaign to keep the principality in its present place.

Greenland Eskimoes hit by seal hunt campaign

Strasbourg, April 26.—Denmark complained today that Eskimo seal hunters in Greenland are falling victim to misplaced emotion whipped up by Brigitte Bardot, the French actress, and her pleas to save baby seals.

Mr Jorgen Hansen, the Danish Minister for Greenland, said Copenhagen would ignore a call by the Council of Europe for a two-year moratorium on killing seals. He urged instead that a group of experts be appointed to review the position.

"We should try to get rid of all the drama", Mr Hansen told a press conference in Strasbourg. "If we don't, I fear we'll end up slaughtering a human culture."

The council's moratorium call, which has only moral force, was issued last January after a personal appearance by Mlle Bardot as part of a worldwide campaign against the slaughter of baby seals in Arctic regions of Scandinavia and Canada by commercial hunters who sell the pelts for fur clothes.

Mr Hansen said the campaign and an accompanying boycott had provoked a 60 per cent drop in pelt prices for the 20 per cent of Greenland's 50,000 inhabitants who depend on seal hunting for their livelihood.

Mr Lars Emil Johansen, a Greenland member of the Danish Parliament, declared: "It is absolutely unacceptable that a bunch of millionaires should mount such a campaign. I can tell you that it is a threat to our existence."

Mr Hansen said Greenland's Eskimo population would face trouble if the boycott continued. It was unfair because baby seals were not hunted in Greenland, only adults.—AP.

West's agencies criticized by Third World

Stockholm, April 26.—Third World delegates at a Unesco-sponsored conference here on news agencies, today criticized coverage of their countries by the main Western agencies.

The conference, on the collection and distribution of news, opened on Monday and is due to close tomorrow. Since yesterday, four committees havet been preparing reports on different problems.

Third World members of the committee on news content criticized Western agencies for overlooking economic and social realities in developing countries.

Western delegates gave their appraisal of news emanating from the Third World, and of the difficulties they frequently encountered in news gathering.

The second committee concentrated on the accuracy of news interpretation and on balanced coverage, while the third studied the rights and responsibilities of journalists and ways to protect these rights. A fourth studied the communication systems.

Vienna Opera TV stopped by booed tenor

Vienna, April 26.—Plans for a nine-nation television relay from the Vienna State Opera House were cancelled today after a walk-out by Franco Bonisolli, an Italian tenor who was booed by the audience at a dress rehersal on Monday. He strode off the stage saying he would not return.

Opera officials said no replacement could be found in time for tomorrow's scheduled performance of Verdi's *Il trovatore*, conducted by Herbert von Karajan.

The opera will be performed in Vienna next Monday instead.

Excavator hits bomb, killing 3

Rheine, April 26.—Three people were killed and nine injured today when a mechanical shovel struck a large bomb believed left over from the Second World War at a construction site next to Rheine city hall. Seven of the injured were in a serious condition.

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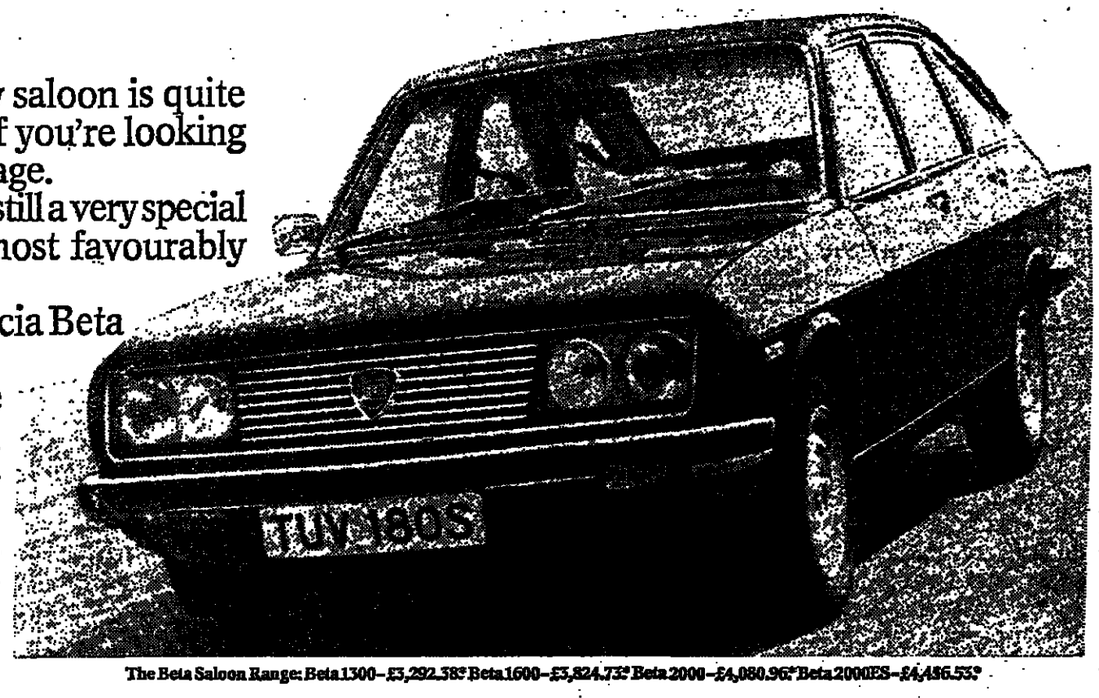
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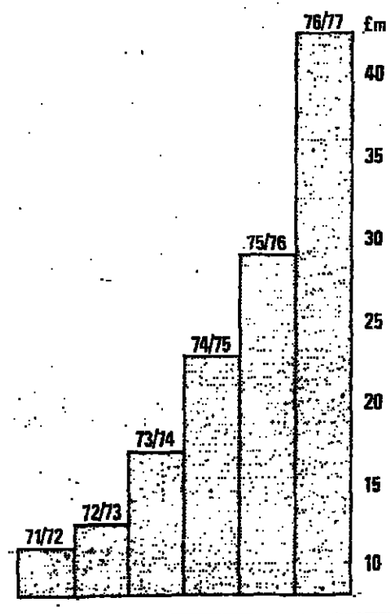
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OVERSEAS

Rhodesian Executive Council postpones lifting ban on two Patriotic Front groupings

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, April 26

The Executive Council of the transitional Government has decided not to lift the ban yet on two African nationalist parties, the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) and the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu).

An official statement to this effect was relesed tonight. It was pointed out, however, that this matter would be considered at the council's next meeting.

Zapu was founded by the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, a member of the present Executive Council, and by Mr Robert Mugabe; it was banned in August, 1964. Zapu was founded by Mr Sithole's arch-rival, Mr Joshua Nkomo in December, 1961 and was banned by the Rhodesian Front Government in September, 1962. Mr Nkomo is still head of Zapu, which together with Mr Mugabe's group, has formed into the Patriotic Front, now fighting a guerrilla war against the transitional Government.

It is believed that the ban on both organizations will be lifted as soon as possible, along with the release of detainees (now 703) it is an important grievance among African nationalists and is high on the priority list to be considered by the Executive Council. However the real test of the credibility o fthe internal Government will be whether or not it can effectively bring about a ceasefire in the war.

Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, told policemen at a closed meeting last night that he expected a definite development in the ceasefire drive inside a fortnight or so, while Mr Sithole said at another meeting that the next 30 days would be crucial in achieving a ceasefire.

Should it be unable to stop the guerrilla war under a scheme yet to be made public, the credibility of the transitional Government would suffer drastically, especially as the Executive Council has now spurned the Anglo-American call for another all-party constitutional conference. Mr Sithole said that to have accepted the invitation would have been a sign of weakness and would have undermined the confidence of the people.

Political observers are saying that the three nationalist members of the Executive Council have now committed themselves so fully that they could not afford to risk any future conference weakening their growing power and undoing what has already been achieved by the internal agreement. So they had no option but to reject the invitation made last week by Mr Cyrus Vance the American Secretary of State and Dr David Owen the Foreign Secretary, to sit around the conference table with the Patriotic Front leaders Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo.

Certainly it appears as though it was the three black members of the Executive Council rather than Mr Ian Smith who vetoed the offer. It is believed that Mr Smith was prepared to go to further talks if only to demonstrate the viability of the internal agreement.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: Dr Owen will continue to press for a round-table conference on Rhodesia, despite the negative response from Salisbury. It is noted in London that the Rhodesian interim Government has not rejected a conference outright, but has said that it regards such a conference as "doomed to certain failure."

If the interim Government succeeds in meeting black African needs and aspirations, and in gaining popular support, the confidence of the Executive Council will be increased. Perhaps its members may then be persuaded to attend a conference with the Patriotic Front.

On the other hand if the new regime falls, or is seen to be losing ground, the Patriotic Front would not want to attend a conference anyway.

Biko death monstrous, Dr Coggan declares

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Donald Coggan yesterday described the death of the Black Consciousness leader Steve Biko, while in the custody of South African police, as a "monstrous action".

In a powerful condemnation of South African policies and apartheid in general, Dr Coggan said that the West must not allow the Biko death to be forgotten until the facts are known and until there was reparation—inadequate as reparation for a man's death must be—by the introduction of legislation to prevent such things taking place again.

Speaking during a debate in the House of Lords on south Africa, Dr Coggan called for the South African Government to set up a court of inquiry to discover who was responsible for the death of Biko. How could they reconcile the post-mortem finding that he died from damage to his brain and kidneys, with the absolving of the police from all responsibility?

The Archbishop pointed out that much information reached him from church sources in South Africa, forcing questions to be asked on which satisfactory answers were not yet received.

Was it true, for instance, that education of white children in South Africa was compulsory and free while for blacks it was voluntary and expensive? Was it correct that the teacher-pupil ratio was 18 times better for whites than for blacks, and was it the case that while there was one doctor for every 400 white, there was only one doctor for every 44,000 blacks?

Until justice was done, Dr Coggan concluded, questions must be asked and must continue to be asked.

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Salisbury protesters sentenced

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, April 26

Seventy-eight of the black students who demonstrated in central Salisbury yesterday against the internal settlement agreement were today given three-month prison sentences with hard labour suspended for five years. They were sentenced by Mr Ernest Tsomondo, Rhodesia's only black magistrate.

Another student will appear in court charged with the same offence of contravening the Law and Order (Maintenance) Act. He is related to the magistrate.

There was widespread boycotting of classes at the University of Rhodesia today by the 1,300 black students in protest against the arrests.

Mr Kesiwe Malindi, the secretary for public affairs of the African National Council (Sithole), said today that the students were a "bunch of intellectuals" protesting on full stomachs. They should "shut their mouths once they have swallowed their eggs and bacon".

But the black newspaper *The Zimbabwe Times* said that the right of free speech, free assembly and the ability to hold peaceful demonstrations without being interfered with by the police were among the most important elements of a democracy.

Vorster Cabinet split over Namibia proposals

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg, April 26

Mr John Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, was faced with sharp dissension within his Cabinet over his decision to support the Western plan for a settlement in Namibia (South West Africa).

Mr Pieter Botha, the Defence Minister, was the main opponent of the proposals. Within hours of Mr Vorster's announcement, Mr Botha was on the radio disclosing that South African forces had tightened counter-insurgency measures on the Namibian-Angolan border.

The other strong opponent of the western plan, according to diplomatic sources, was Dr Connie Mulder, the Minister of Plural Development (Black Affairs).

Reaction in South Africa to Mr Vorster's announcement was otherwise favourable although tempered with caution about whether Swapo (the South-West Africa People's Organization) would accept the plan, the outcome of the United Nations Security Council bedate and the Soviet response.

The timing of elections in the territory, whether Swapo and the United Nations accept the settlement plan or not, will be one of the first matters to be settled.

The original plan discussed between South Africa and the Western contact group was to hold two sets of elections—the first for a Constituent Assembly to guide the territory through its transitional period to independence on December 31 and to draw up a constitution, and the second for an Assembly to be elected under the constitution after independence.

It is now being admitted that the Constituent Assembly elected on th efirst ballot would have freedom to decide if further elections were needed. The Western proposals, from the start, have dealt with the possibility of a single election.

Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes: Government and Opposition leaders at Westminster welcomed with relief the South African decision.

Dr David Owen, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, made it clear in the Commons yesterday that much would now depend on the reaction of Swapo and on the Angolan Government, which, he said, had played a constructive role in the discussions leading to the Namibian agreement.

He called on Swapo to follow the South African gesture. He was hopeful that Angola, which made no secret of its support for Swapo, would like a negotiated settlement.

From the Conservative benches, Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South) who has just returned from Namibia, said that the Western powers should now exert pressure on the Soviet Union to use its undoubted influence with Swapo to persuade them to accept the Western Plan and to renounce their policy of intimidation by assassination.

In the House of Lords, Lord Carrington, leader of the Opposition peers, urged the Government to say firmly that the West would now stick to its plan whatever the reaction of Swapo and would seek to implement it in the United Nations Security Council.

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South Africa eases law on young marijuana smokers

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, April 26

South Africa's drug laws, which have been described as the harshest in the Western world, are being amended so that young "experimental" marijuana smokers will not have to go through life bearing the stigma of a criminal conviction.

Under present legislation, users of dagga—the locally grown marijuana—are sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of two years imprisonment for first offences and five years for second or subsequent offences.

A Bill relaxing the penalties for dagga offences and restoring discretion to the courts, which will no longer have to impose mandatory sentences, has been given an unopposed second reading in Parliament.

Mr P. W. de Klerk, the Minister of Social Welfare, said the maximum penalties for dagga use and peddling, from 15 to 25 years jail, would still apply. There would be no relaxation either in the penalties for abuse of "hard line" drugs.

Since the anti-drug laws were introduced in 1971, Mr de Klerk said, the number of prosecutions for dagga offences had dropped by more than 46 per cent to 21,900 in 1976. He said he did not believe that the problem had just been driven underground.

Most medical experts accept that dagga has no physically additive effects but that, like alcohol, it can lead to a psychological dependence. People frequently embark on raids to seek out and burn plants of dagga, which is grown mainly in Natal and the eastern Transvaal.

The South African National Council for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, believes that the drug laws have resulted in an increase in the incidence of drug taking rather than a reduction, and not only in the use of dagga but of other more dangerous drugs.

Some experts believe that graduation from dagga to "hard" drugs, has been made easier by the severe penalties imposed. A doctor said: "The legislation had driven all dagga users underground "and the person seeking a dagga thrill will be offered alternatives. And, from his point of view, why not? He may as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb."

Nyerere amnesty for 13

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 26

The former Tanzanian Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr Abdul Rahman Babu, was among 13 people freed by President Nyerere today in an amnesty to mark the thirteenth anniversary of the union between Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Mr Babu, aged 54, was condemned to death in his absence by a Zanzibar court for his alleged part in the assassination of Shaikh Abeid Karume, the Zanzibar leader, in 1972. But President Nyerere had refused to hand him over to the Zanzibar authorities, in a clear gesture of disapproval of the Zanzibar court system.

Three others among those amnestied today were also sentenced in their absence for alleged involvement in the Karume assassination. They are Colonel Ali Mahfoudh, Captain Hemen Hilary Mohamed, and Mrs Tahirali Salum.

Israel's peace movement takes to the streets

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, April 26

Thousands of Israelis supporting the "Peace Now" movement, which is calling on the Government to make more compromises for peace with Egypt, lined the main road into Jerusalem today.

The demonstration took the form of runners relaying a postcard stating their views to the offices of Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister. Placards reading "Peace Now" and "Peace today is no dream" were displayed.

The pressure group developed when 300 reservist Army officers wrote an open letter to Mr Begin last month calling on him to be more flexible in his reactions to President Sadat's peace initiative. The movement favours some form of territorial concessions on the occupied West Bank.

In related developments about 350 university lecturers and a 300-strong religious group conveyed similar views to the Prime Minister, who flies to the United States next week.

"Movement for a Secure Peace," which backs the government's policies, is also campaigning here and attracting similar support.

Meanwhile, Mr Begin has reiterated his hardline stance regarding peace negotiations assuring Israeli settlers in northern Sinai that he will not sign any agreement with Egypt which would endanger their settlements.

A settlers' delegation will visit him yesterday expressing concern at the Government's peace plan under which Sinai would be returned to Egypt. They called for their settlements to be incorporated into Israel proper.

Mr Dayan starts his talks in US

From David Cross
Washington, April 26

Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister, today opened two days of talks in Washington to see whether there is any way to break the stalemate in the Middle East peace negotiations.

In talks with Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, and other State Department officials, he was also expected to reiterate his Government's strong opposition to President Carter's plans to sell advanced fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Mr Carter has made it clear that he will submit the aircraft deal to Congress for approval within the next few days. He told a press conference here yesterday that the projected sales, which include the provision of 90 aircraft to Israel, were to be treated as a single package. If Congress rejected the delivery of 60 F15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia or 50 F5 aircraft to Egypt, he would withdraw the whole package.

A number of influential members of Congress, including Mr Thomas O'Neill, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mr Robert Byrd, the Democratic leader of the Senate, have been urging him to postpone the submission of the arms package to Congress. They argue that there are insufficient votes at the moment to ensure passage of all three elements in the deal.

Mr Carter has so far rejected this argument and is anxious to submit the proposed sales to Congress now so that that body will have as much time as possible to consider the package. Congress has 30 days to reject the deals by majority votes in both Houses. If the President waits any longer, the 30-day period will extend into the next congressional recess and he feels this could well lead to accusations that he is trying to stampede the whole package through.

Mr Carter explained yesterday that successive American Administrations had promised fighter aircraft to both Saudi Arabia and Israel and he wanted to honour those commitments. The three-part deal was in the best interests of everyone, including the Israelis.

Before arriving in Washington yesterday, Mr Dayan made it clear that he rejected these arguments. But he was not optimistic about his chances of changing Mr Carter's mind. "If they want to punish us then we must accept this", he said, "but America is absolutely wrong and we cannot change our opinion on this".

On the stalled Middle East peace talks, Mr Dayan will be discussing possible solutions to long-standing differences with Israel's Arab neighbours over the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Sinai.

He gave priority, he said yesterday, to discussions on whether there was a practical plan for those occupied territories which would be acceptable to the Arabs. "If there is, then the wording for that will be found. And if there is not, just another paper with more words really will not be the answer."

Ireland to send a battalion to serve in Lebano

Beirut, April 26—Ireland to send a battalion of more 500 troops to serve with peacekeeping force in So Lebanon, a United Na spokesman said today.

The offer was made when Kurt Waldheim, the Un Nations Secretary-General, ferred with Irish leaders Dublin earlier this month.

Almost 3,000 United Nat troops from six countries been deployed in the sout supervise the withdrawal Israeli troops and main peace. A Senegalese batta is expected tomorrow an Nigerian contingent before end of the month.

The force was originally number 4,000 men, but likely now to be about 6 Israel is due to stage the phase of a withdrawal Lebanon this weekend.

In Sidon today Israeli t took up positions near after an exchange of auton fire between Palestinian mandos and Israeli tr

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Chinese are all smiles for Moscow negotiator

From Georges Biannic
Peking, April 26

Mr Leonid Ilychev, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, arrived in Peking today in a fairly optimistic mood for new conversations about the border dispute with China.

Returning after a 14-month interruption of the talks, Mr Ilychev and his delegation were greeted very courteously, if not warmly, by the Chinese. Mr Yu Chan, the Deputy Foreign Minister, and the officials accompanying him were all smiles.

Asked about his hopes for the renewed border negotiations after nine years of failure, Mr Ilychev said: "Hopes? It is not possible for a man to live without hopes and I also have some hopes".

The first official round of talks will not start until after May 1. Preliminary technical sessions will be held first to fix the agenda and brief the delegations.

In reply to a question Mr Ilychev said he would stay in Peking "as long as necessary". Asked about the state of Sino-Soviet relations, at their lowest ebb since the bloody 1969 clashes along the Ussuri river, he would only say: "Let me think about it".

A Soviet official said today that the new talks were simply a "routine continuation" of the 1969 series which began after the incidents in March, June and July of that year and the meeting between the late Mr Chou En-lai and Mr Alexei Kosygin, the two Prime Ministers, at Peking airport the following September.

Peking diplomatic circles appear sceptical about the outcome of the new round of talks. The Chinese reiterated their intransigent position in a Foreign Ministry Note on March 9 replying to a February 24 message from the Supreme Soviet.

In this note the Chinese Government called for "concrete acts" instead of "empty statements" in order to normalize relations between the two countries. China demanded an agreement sanctioning the status quo on the border in accordance with an "understanding" between Chou En-lai and Mr Kosygin which the Russians deny was ever reached.

China also demanded the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Mongolia and from the Chinese border, a million men according to its own estimate.

Diplomatic circles here believe that unless the Russians have new suggestions to make the negotiations once again have a pretty slim chance of success.—Agence France-Presse.

Soviet official formally quits UN and asks for asylum in America

From Michael Leapman
New York, April 26

Mr Arkady Shevchenko, formerly the most senior Soviet official at the United Nations, confirmed today that he was seeking asylum in the United States. At the same time the United Nations announced that his contract with the organization had been terminated by agreement yesterday.

Earlier this month Mr Shevchenko left his office at the United Nations, where he was Under-Secretary General for Security Council and Political Affairs, announcing that he had differences with his Government. There was speculation that he would defect from the Soviet Union.

Press reports suggested that he had been working, or had offered to work, for American intelligence. It was also reported that he had quarrelled with his wife about another woman.

In a statement handed to reporters today, Mr Shevchenko implicitly denied these reports. He said: "My family is in the Soviet Union and their well-being is paramount to me. Rumours and speculation about my personal life, past conduct or future intentions are most distressing. Nor only are they false but, above all, they expose my family to serious risks."

His statement set out the background to his quarrel with Moscow. "As is known", he said, "I have refused to accept instructions from the Soviet Government to go to Moscow on an official trip. I consider they have no right to give such instructions to an official of the Secretariat.

"As is also known, I have serious differences of political philosophy and convictions with the present Soviet system, which have led me to the decision not to accept instructions to return to the Soviet Union."

He said he considered that he had assurances about the safety of his family in Moscow and emphasized that his decision to leave had been a personal one. "I now intend to take the necessary legal steps to establish residence in the United States", he added, "where I hope to be free to lead a normal and productive life." His address would be publicly available.

The termination of his employment at the United Nations was agreed at a meeting he had last night with Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General. He will receive redundancy payments and benefits totalling $76,134 (about £42,000), as provided for in the staff regulations. Had he served out his contract for the next two years, he would have been eligible for something like $200,000.

Although Mr Shevchenko, as an international civil servant, technically owed allegiance to no government, by tradition the post he held is in the gift of the Soviet Government. The Russians would not have tolerated its being occupied by a man who had publicly dissociated himself from their philosophy.

Authors are barred from E German conference

Berlin, April 26.—The National Writers' Union of East Germany has barred seven of the country's most controversial authors from a literary congress planned for next month indicating it will take a tough line on dissent.

The seven, including the novelists Stephan Heym and Christa Wolf, were missing from a list published today of 142 delegates to the congress elected yesterday at a meeting of the East Berlin section of the union and sources said the meeting had rejected a proposal to elect the seven, all signatories of a resolution put forward in November, 1976, protesting against the exiling of the singer Wolf Biermann to the West.

A number of writers had hoped to air their grievances at the meeting, to be held from May 29 to 31.

The decision appeared to confirm recent private predictions by some East German writers that the congress would try to defuse public criticism of government policies in the arts.

For the first time in the history of the writers' union, the main discussions have already been held in closed sessions on five different themes, ranging from literature and the world to problems of contemporary drama.

Only one of the original 12 who signed the Biermann resolution, calling on the Government to reconsider its decision, was elected to attend the congress. He was Stephan Hermlin, a veteran communist.—Reuter.



Mr Charlie Puka, a retired Pennsylvania coal miner, aged 89, proudly displays his new American passport in Frankfurt during his flight home from Russia, where he had been trapped for nearly a year after a mix-up. He was issued with a Soviet passport instead of a visa while visiting relations in the Ukraine.

Kremlin hint of arms links with Turkey

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, April 26

The first high-ranking Soviet military official to visit Turkey in more than 40 years, Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, the Soviet Chief of General Staff, today mentioned the possibility of military cooperation between Turkey and the Soviet Union.

After a meeting with Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister, Marshal Ogarkov said that the two countries would do well "to benefit from the possibilities offered by a military relationship.

"I believe that the more one benefits from these possibilities, the stronger one's relations will become", he told reporters.

His statement, made at a time when the United States Congress is trying to decide whether to lift the embargo on arms sales to Turkey, imposed three years ago, caused concern among Western diplomats in Ankara.

While welcoming Marshal Ogarkov, Mr Ecevit told him that he placed great importance on his visit to the Soviet Union, scheduled for June.

Our nation and our Government believe that the first condition of national security is to live in friendship and have mutual trust with the countries in the region, particularly our neighbours".

Marshal Ogarkov said after their meeting that Mr Ecevit's "visit will act as an important stimulant in reinforcing the ties between Ankara and Moscow". His Government was "determined to strengthen relations with Turkey".

Ankara continued today to be a centre of diplomatic activity. Two days after the departure of a Bulgarian delegation led by Mr Pencho Kubadinski, the president of the Bulgarian ruling party, Mr Ecevit announced that before going to Moscow, he would visit Sofia in May.

Before his meeting with Marshal Ogarkov, Mr Ecevit met Mr Manea Manescu, the Romanian Prime Minister, who is visiting Ankara at the head of a delegation of 33.

The main theme of the Romanian-Turkish talks is a possible undertaking in Turkey of joint industrial projects including the construction of an oil refinery near Ankara, an extension of the Turkish-Iraqi pipeline in the south to central Anatolia, and a factory to produce oil drilling equipment.

Socialist group to study disarmament

From Olli Kivinen
Helsinki, April 26

The Socialist International will establish a study group on disarmament, Herr Willy Brandt, chairman of the International announced here today.

The group will also consider the invitation of the Soviet Communist Party to the Socialist International to start cooperation in disarmament by sending a delegation to Moscow.

This cooperation proposal was made at the Socialist International's disarmament conference by Mr Boris Ponomarev, secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's central committee.

Herr Brandt, speaking at the end of the International's disarmament conference, said that their Soviet guests might have given up some of their ideological positions against Social Democrats in this connexion.

In brief

Labour to back Sahara stand

The National Executive Committee of the Labour Party agreed yesterday to support the right of the people of Western Sahara to "national self-determination within the boundaries inherited from colonization" (that is, those of the former Spanish Sahara, separate from Morocco and Mauritania).

The NEC also decided that the party should continue its contacts with the Polisario Front, which is fighting for independence in that area.

Climb abandoned

Katmandu, April 26.—A German team has abandoned an attempt to climb the 23,722ft Himalayan peak Putha Hiunchuli, in Nepal, after an Nepal after an avalanche crashed on to their camp.

Globetrotter stabbed

New York, April 26.—Meadowlark Lemon, a leading member of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, has been stabbed in the back. Police said his former wife had been charged.

Rail strike ends

Tokyo, April 26.—Japanese railway unions have called off a strike which halted commuter and long distance tran services after winning a pay increase of 5.4 per cent.

King to visit Russia

Stockholm, April 26.—King Carl Gustaf of Sweden and Queen Silvia will begin a state visit to the Soviet Union on June 7.

China visit in May by Carter aide

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, April 26

The White House announced today that Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser, will travel to Peking next month for talks with Chinese leaders.

Mr Jody Powell, the President's press spokesman, said that the trip, from May 20 to May 25, will also include visits to Japan and South Korea. The focus will be on matters of common strategic concern in Europe, Africa and Asia. But the discussions to be held in Peking are not designed as a negotiating session for the full return to normal relations between China and the United States.

He pointed out that such visits by senior American officials were envisaged in the so-called Shanghai communiqué published in 1972

Lance banks face long list of federal complaints

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drafts for himself, his wife, his son, his brothers-in-law, his mother-in-law, other relations and his friends. It also alleges that in many cases he arranged such loans without the knowledge of these relations and friends.

Moreover, it is alleged that at the time of Mr Lance's Senate confirmation for the White House post in January, 1977, he presented a wholly inaccurate account of his net wealth.

Both of the banks have now consented under court orders to establish special review and audit committees, composed of independent experts, to determine whether any actions should be brought against any present or former officers of their institutions.

Mr Lance has promised to cooperate with these investigations and they could prove damaging to him, as may criminal investigations into his affairs that are taking place now under the Department of Justice.

Mr Lance has also agreed in court to seven specific constraints on his financial practices, covering his use of overdrafts and loans, his personal statements on his net worth, his use of bank funds for election campaigns and his future role as a representative of others in banking matters.

US court opens case of slain Chilean diplomat

Washington, April 26.—A federal court today charged Michael Vernon Townley, a United States citizen, aged 35, with conspiracy in the murder of the former Chilean diplomat, Orlando Letelier, who was killed when a bomb destroyed his car on a Washington street, in September, 1976. The charge alleged that Mr Townley, who had lived in Chile, was an agent of the Chilean police, Dina.

The Justice Department asked the magistrate to set bail at $5m. Mr Eugene Propper, Assistant United States Attorney, said he was asking for an unusually high amount to prevent Chilean intelligence officials from posting bail for the accused. He voiced concern for Mr Townley's safety.

Mr Letelier, former Chilean Ambassador here, was killed when a remote control bomb exploded as he drove along Embassy Row, Washington.

Mr Letelier had been an associate of the late President Salvador Allende, the first democratically elected Marxist chief of state in the Western Hemisphere. Dr Allende was overthrown in a military coup in 1973 and killed. Prior to his death, Mr Letelier was trying to rally opposition to the military junta that now controls Chile.—AP.

Officials blamed for blast at firework plant

Peking, April 26.—An explosion in a fireworks factory has caused heavy casualties, destroyed the plant and affected 800 households, the New China news agency said today.

It blamed the explosion on violations of operating rules. Two officials had been arrested and punished by law.

Several other officials had been expelled from the Communist Party or lost their jobs in and outside the party.

The explosion which occurred in Kaichou, Liaoning province, in January, was caused by sparks from a stove.

The agency said that the plant had been established in 1970 without permission in a densely populated area and proper safety precautions had not been taken.—Reuter.

Pacific whaling deal agreed

Tokyo, April 26.—Japan and the Soviet Union today signed a bilateral arrangement to regulate their whaling operations in the north Pacific this year.

This year's operation season for Sei and Minke whales will be for six months from April 15 and the season for sperm whales for eight months from March 15.—Reuter.

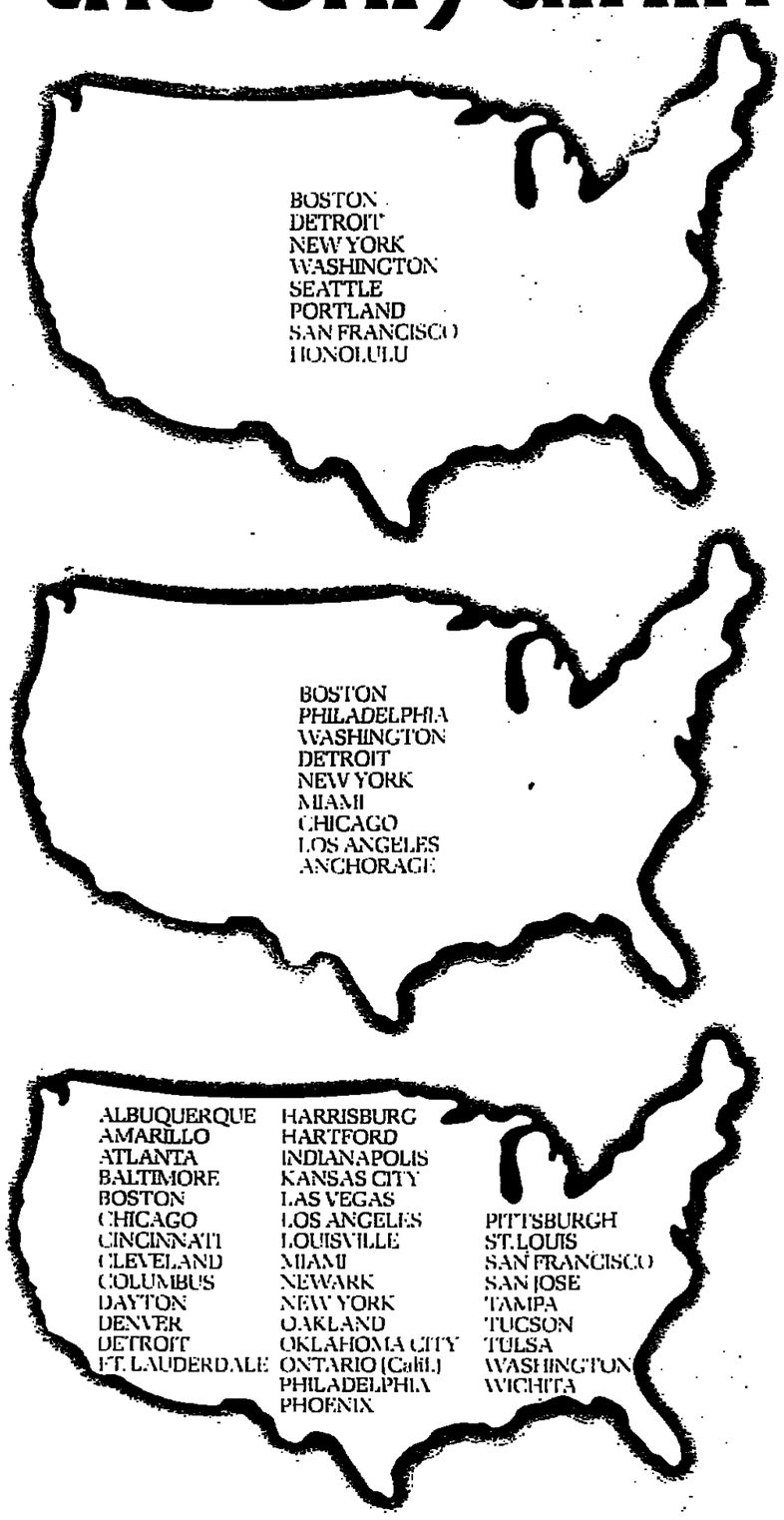
Ex-Red Guards arrested

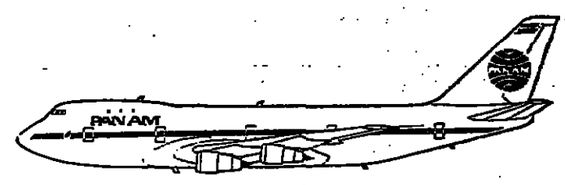
Peking, April 26.—A dozen former leaders of the Red Guards were arrested recently, a reliable source reported today.

They included Kuai Ta-fu of Tsinghua University in Peking, Nieh Yuan-tzu of Peking University, and Tan Hou-lan, former radical leader of Peking's teacher training college. The source said the arrests were made after a recent campaign of criticism.

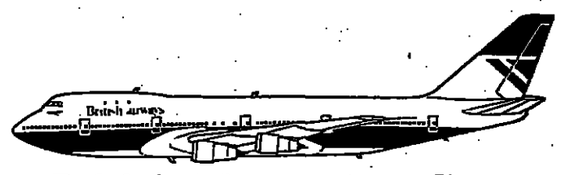
As Red Guard leaders these three harassed the highest officials at the beginning of the Cultural Revolution and were once members of the Peking revolutionary committee under the chairmanship of Wu Teh, who is still mayor of Peking and a member of the Communist Party Politburo.—Agence France-Presse.

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Woman survivor given 20-year term for Lufthansa hijacking

From Our Own Correspondent
Nairobi, April 26

A woman who was the only hijacker to survive the rescue by German commandos of hostages being held on board a Lufthansa airliner at Mogadishu airport last October has been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment by the Somali Security Court, Mogadishu radio reported today.

The announcement was the first news from Somalia of Soraya Ansari, a member of the hijack gang that took over the Lufthansa aircraft while on a flight from Palma to Frankfurt. It landed at Mogadishu after being turned away from several Arab airports.

The radio gave few details of the court proceedings, but said the Palestinian woman, who is in her early twenties, had pleaded not guilty. However, the court found that her part in the hijacking had been proved.

Miss Ansari is said to be from Haifa, and a suspected member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. She and the other hijackers demanded the release of members of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group in Germany in exchange for the Lufthansa hostages.

She was admitted to hospital in Mogadishu with gunshot wounds inflicted during the rescue operation, after hiding in a toilet during the raid.

A Somali official said there could be no appeal

After the hijacking, it was believed that West Germany had requested the woman's extradition for trial but the Somalis maintained that it was a case for Somalia alone.

Rockefeller group arrives on visit to Pakistan

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad, April 26

Mr Nelson Rockefeller, his wife and a party of 10 arrived here today on what is officially described by American diplomats as a private visit to Pakistan by the former American Vice-President.

Mr Rockefeller later dined with General Zia ul-Haq, chief martial law administrator. The Rockefellers leave Pakistan on Friday for Kabul.

Meanwhile, Air Marshal Asghar Khan, president of Tehrike Istiqlal, today displayed his uneasiness over the indefinite delay in holding general elections in Pakistan, as promised by General Zia last July. The former air force chief, who played a leading role in toppling the Bhutto Government last summer, said elections should be held this year.

Asghar Khan regarded Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's People's Party, his own party and former opposition Pakistan National Alliance as the three main contenders.

Fear of young generation 'romanticizing' 1956 makes Kadar regime take a critical look at politics of period

Hungary comes to terms with past

From Sue Masterman
Vienna, April 26

The disappearance from the Hungarian Communist Party Central Committee of Mr Bela Biszku, aged 57, who as Minister of the Interior led the prosecution of insurgents after the 1956 uprising, and the rise of Mr Karoly Nemeth, aged 56, the Central Committee secretary for the economy, are linked to two important developments.

One is the slow widening of discussion to include the general public on the leadership of the country under Matyas Rakosi, Hungary's first Communist Prime Minister, and the events of 1956

The second is Hungarian determination to restructure the economy at all costs.

Five months ago a radio documentary on the 1956 uprising was broadcast in Hungary. It made use of recordings of contemporary speeches, including those of Imre Nagy, the Prime Minister who was arrested and executed by the Russians.

This is interpreted as an important development in a country where Soviet soldiers are still stationed an hour or less from the centre of Budapest.

Informed sources believe that this carefully planned discussion is inspired by the Government's fear that the younger generation now leaving school will "romanticize" the period. There also appears to be a slow trend away from those whose political position was established immediately after 1956 to make room for new blood.

Only the role of Mr Janos Kadar, the present First Secretary, in this period is glossed over, in the light of his achievements in guiding the country to its present relative prosperity over the past 20 years.

Hungary is now directing all its resources of money and manpower into consolidating what is generally seen as the most healthy of the East European economies. Its economic growth has enabled the National Bank to revalue the currency against the rouble by some 20 per cent and also against the dollar.

There is, however, an imbalance between developments in agriculture and in industry.

The restructuring of agriculture appears to be almost complete. Last year the value of cooperative farm products increased by 10.3 per cent and only 10 per cent of cooperatives ran at a loss.

The main growth, however, has come from the private plots and allotments that all who work on the land are encouraged to cultivate. These provide 40 per cent of the produce for the domestic market, an essential safety valve that enables export targets to be met in years when the harvest is poor, without creating domestic shortages.

The main problem confronting the economy is manpower. "I will talk to you about full employment, but do not ask me about efficient deployment of labour", said a party official in whose office three porters manned the front door, although one was more than sufficient.

Hungary needs every working man and woman it can raise. The Army is put to use efficiently, building roads and railways.

Even the Soviet soldiers are put to work by enterprising cooperatives at harvest time

The Government is making determined efforts to raise the birth rate which, 10 years ago, was among the lowest in the world. Young mothers can stay at home with their children for three years on an allowance equal to a quarter of the average wage. Reemployment is guaranteed. Nursery facilities are being improved and abortion on demand has been restricted sharply.

Young couples who want to buy a house, on the other hand, can sign an undertaking to have up to three children within a certain time. They can then claim a loan, equal to a skilled worker's wages for six months, for each promised child. If they do not have the children, however, for whatever reason, they have to pay it back.

The standard of living is relatively high. Washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and traffic jams are a feature of everyday life. From the economic and political depths after the Second World War, the Hungarians have worked their way up to comparative prosperity.

Once this economic situation has been consolidated, there will be room to discuss further social developments, including remedies for the shortages of teachers and nurses.

Janata asks for split in big business combines

Delhi, April 26.—The ruling Janata Party demanded today that big business conglomerates in India should be split up to end what it called "industrial feudalism".

"Because of the concentration of economic power in the hands of a few big houses, temptation to abuse that power is an ever present danger", the party's national executive said in a statement.

It urged the Government to end a system under which a few people were chairmen, managing directors and directors of many companies.

Public bodies which helped to finance big private firms should "give up their role of being sleeping partners . . . and play an active part in curbing malpractices and exploitation".

Public control should be imposed on firms which obtained a big part of their overall capital from public funds.

The party statement also urged the Government to distribute surplus land among the landless within the next two years.

Mr Morarji Desai, the Prime Minister, is to visit Britain for three days from June 6 for talks with Mr Callaghan. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said he would also be received by the Queen and meet Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative leader.

No agenda has been drawn up for the talks but the sale of military equipment by Britain is certain to come up during Mr Desai's discussions with Mr Callaghan.—Reuter.

SPORT

Tennis

Olive branch is offered by SA 'under protest'

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg, April 26

South Africa has withdrawn "under protest" from the 1979 Davis Cup tennis competition and this year's Federation Cup. There was a distinct danger that South Africa's women tennis players would be refused visas by the Australian government for the Federation Cup competition in November and December, Mr Justice Blen Franklin, the president of the South African Tennis Union, said today.

The United States Tennis Association has also told the South African Association that it is no longer prepared to take the risk of somebody being hurt if South Africa's participation in the Davis Cup continues. The South African withdrawal from both competitions was only a temporary gesture for one year only, Mr Justice Franklin said.

He added: "The great ideal of Dwight Davis in donating the Cup to encourage friendship and friendly rivalry on the tennis court among the nations of the world is now in real danger of being destroyed by politics." Racial discrimination had been totally eliminated from South African tennis, he said.

Only three of the 15 nations in the American zone of the Davis Cup, apart from the United States itself, had not yet joined in a request that South Africa be excluded from the competition. The decision of those who wanted South Africa out appeared to be based on directives from their respective governments. Mr Justice J. E. Carrico, the chairman of the United States Davis Cup committee, had written that although the American Government had not so far tried to tell the USTA what to do, they now had "one far harder master and that is public opinion". Mr Carrico's letter added: "The USTA still deplores the intrusion of politics on our sport and realizes our Association will never be qualified to pass judgment on how other nations conduct their affairs."

But he asked the SATU if it could see its way not to enter, otherwise he seriously doubted if there would be an American zone competition next year. The situation could be re-evaluated each year, based upon future conditions.

Mr Carriso said he doubted if another community would be prepared to spend thousands of dollars to protect the safety of the public. The South African move, however, is likely to please many members of the International Tennis Federation who were afraid South Africa would risk expulsion from the world body if they entered the Davis Cup.

TULSA: First round: R. Stockton beat W. Lloyd (Australia), 6—3, 6—3; C. Kirmayr (Brazil) beat C. Richey, 6—3, 6—0; J. James (Australia) beat B. Bertram (SA), 6—3, 6—4.
LAS VEGAS: First round: B. Gottfried beat M. Cahill, 6—4, 7—6; R. Ramirez beat T. Leonard, 6—3, 6—4; C. Barazzutti beat Z. Franulovic, 7—6; R. Tanner beat R. Hewitt, 7—5, 6—3; K. Warwick beat T. Nastase, 6—3, 7—6, 6—4; J. McEnroe beat J. Fitzo, 6—0, 7—5, 6—3; F. Newcombe beat G. Fritz, 6—2, 6—3; W. Fibak beat P. Fleming, 6—3, 6—4, 6—3; C. Dibley beat T. Okker, 7—5, 5—6, 6—4.

Cricket

Worry for Worcestershire and touring team

Worcestershire will suffer a heavy loss from their match against the Pakistanis, unless the weather improves today.

No play was possible yesterday because of steady rain after the first day when only an hour could be fitted in, the Pakistanis reaching 31 for no wicket, off 14 overs.

Worcestershire's guarantee to the touring side is £1,200. Only £54 was taken at the gate on Tuesday and nothing yesterday—and the county do not insure their matches against bad weather. Most of the disappointed Pakistanis went to Worcester Royal Grammar School to play squash.

They returned to practise on the wet outfield, but the umpires, David Constant and Barry Meyer, had caalled off play in mid-afternoon.

Wasim Bari, the captain, said: "We need all the practice we can get, especially the younger players. If this weather carries on it will become quite worrying."

There was no play in the other two first class matches, between Cambridge University and Middlesex: Oxford University and Warwickshire, nor in the Second XI competition at Bristol and Canterbury.

BCC Television have abandoned plans to "bug" the John Player League match between Lancashire and Kent, at Old Trafford, on Sunday. They had hoped to bury microphones behind the stumps in an attempt to improve coverage of the Sunday game for BBC 2 viewers.

But technical problems and a desire to have private trials with the new technique before releasing it for the benefit of the public have forced the BBC to shelve the plan until later in the season.

"We have decided to experiment with it to see whether it is feasible", David Kenning, BBC Television's cricket producer, said.

KINGSTON: Jamaica, 297 (R. Austin 58, J. Dolige 50, M. Foster 52; T. Higgs 5 for 73, and 215 (H. Chang 64, R. Yardley 5 for 64, Higgs 4 for 42; Australians, 240 (D. Ogilvie 57, M. Holding 4 for 76) and 252 for 8 (P. Toohey 60). Australian's won by two wickets.

Today's cricket

TOUR MATCH
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Pakistanis (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0).
OTHER MATCHES
CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge University v Middlesex (11.30 to 8.30).
OXFORD: Oxford University v Warwickshire (11.30 to 8.30).
SECOND XI COMPETITION
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.

Table tennis

Opportunity to improve p ay abroad

Jill Hammersley, England's former European champion, is still waiting to receive approval from the English Table Tennis Association, about her proposed signing for a West German League club for next season.

Mrs Hammersley said: "Nothing is really definite yet." Commenting on a report that she was to be paid £3,750 to play for TSV Kronshagen, near Hamburg, for the season Mrs Hammersley said: "They seem to know more than I do."

The English champion will join Desmond Douglas and Jim Walker, who have been playing in the German League this season. "I understand that Paul Day and Nicky Jarvis are also going over to play", said Mrs Hammersley.

She said that money was not the only reason for her intention to play in Germany. "It should improve my play", she said. "I get very little match practice in England. You can prove how beneficial it is by looking at the improvement in Desmond Douglas this past year."

Mrs Hammersley lost her European title earlier this month, when she was beaten in the final by Judit Magos, of Hungary.

Six same for sevens

Richmond field six of the side that won the Middlesex sevens title last year for the finals at Twickenham on Saturday. The only absentee is Jamion, a former England international, who left the club earlier this season to work in the Far East. Preston, the England under-23 stand-off half, is his replacement.

Two weeks to go

Purse offers for the European light-welterweight title bout between the holder, Jean Baptist Piedvache, of France, and the British champion, Colin Powers (Paddington), close on May 8.

Scottish champions

Robert Gordon College, of Aberdeen, won the Scottish national final of the Aer Lingus schoolboys golf tournament at St Andrews yesterday by two strokes. They go forward to the international final in Ireland next month.

Cycling

DIJON: Tour of Spain: First stage (91 miles): 1, A. Schipper (Netherlands), 3hr 51min 15sec; 2, A. Prinsen (Netherlands), at 15sec; 3, J. S. Canvas (Spain).

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup play-off: Quarter-final round: New York Islanders 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; New York lead series, 3—1; Philadelphia Flyers 4, Buffalo Sabres 3 (Philadelphia win series, 4—1); Montreal Canadiens 4, Detroit Red Wings 2 (Montreal win series, 4—1).

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; Cleveland Indians 6, Toronto Blue Jays 5; Boston Red Sox 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Detroit Tigers 8, Chicago White Sox 4; Texas Rangers 4, Kansas City Royals 1; California Angels 3, Seattle Mariners 0; Oakland Athletics 5, Minnesota Twins 3, and 4—2.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburg Pirates 2, New York Mets 1; St Louis Cardinals 7, Montreal Expos 2; Philadelphia Phillies 7, Chicago Cubs 0; Houston Astros 4, San Diego Padres 3; Atlanta Braves 3, San Francisco Giants 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Cincinnati Reds 2.

Motor racing

New British car takes shape for Le Mans

By John Blunsden

A new British Le Mans challenger, sponsored by the Alexander Howden insurance group in collaboration with Lloyds underwriters, is taking shape at the Hesketh Racing headquarters at Towcester, and will be seen in the famous 24-hours race in France in June.

It is the Ibec-Hesketh 308LM, an open-top two-seater conceived by Dr Harvey Postlethwaite, the former Hesketh designer, and utilizing the suspension and running gear designed for the Hesketh 308B which James Hunt drove when he was a member of the Hesketh Formula One team.

The project is the inspiration of Ian Bracey, a regular Le Mans competitor and a Lloyds underwriter, whose Ibec company has been prominent in sports-car racing for several years. Bracey was determined to put Britain back on the winner's rostrum at Le Mans, but his effort was foundering for lack of finance until Alexander Howden stepped in three weeks ago. (Bracey had steadfastly refused several substantial offers of sponsorship from overseas).

Lack of development time may well hamper the team's efforts this year, and the drivers, Guy Edwards, Ian Grob and Bracey himself, will be hard-pressed to match the formidable Porsche and Renault teams. But with their new City backing the team are assured of support for three years, and their goal is to win Le Mans by 1980.

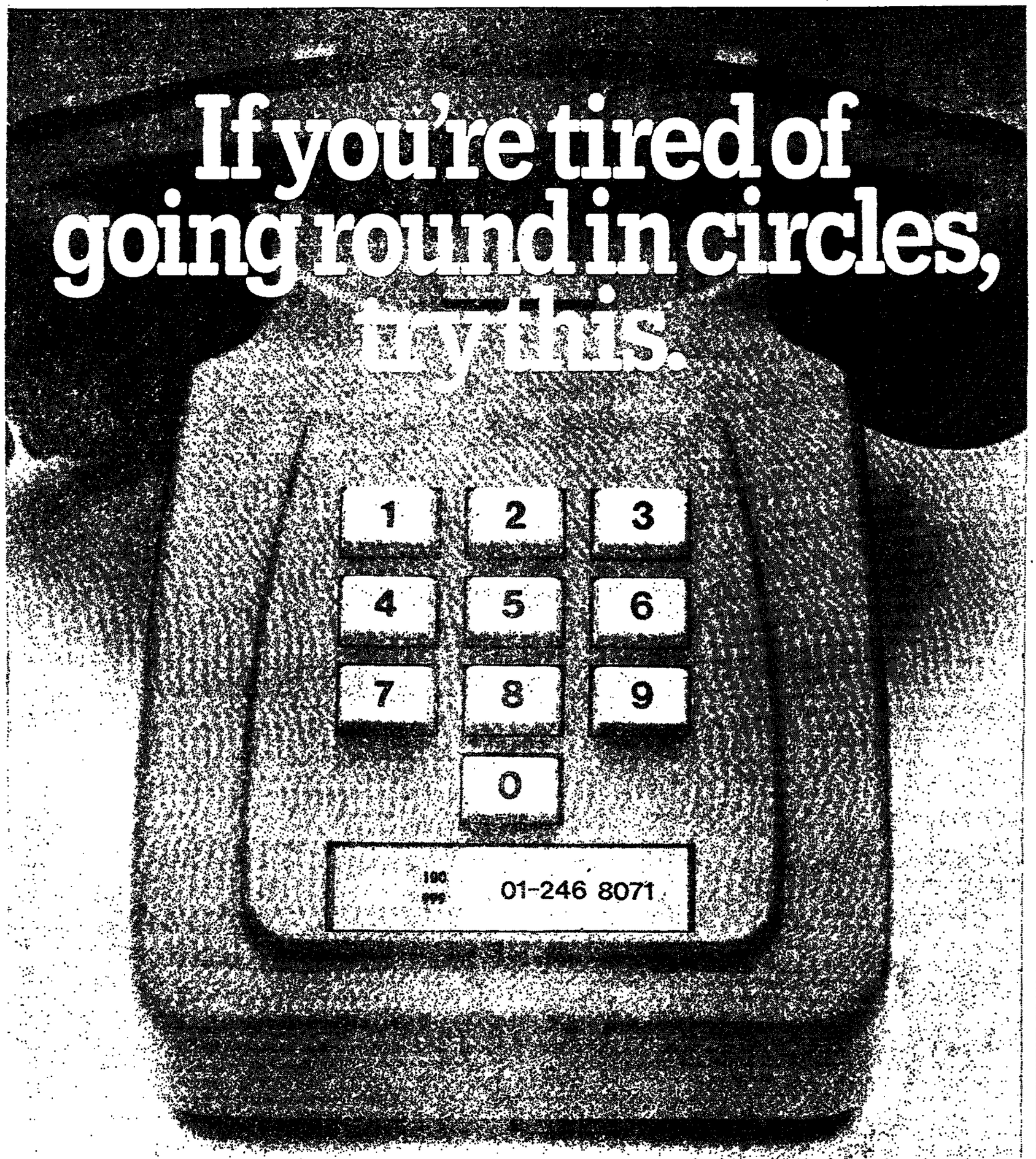
Special bodywork developed by Bob Curl, an aerodynamicist, should give the car a top speed in excess of 220 mph along the three-mile Mulsanne straight, and the car will be powered by the three-litre Ford DFV engine, modified by the Hesketh engine development division for endurance racing. Although no longer a part of the official FIA sports car world championship, the Le Mans race nevertheless remains the most important endurance race in the world, where victory can still bring great rewards to the motor industry of the successful country. It is unfortunate that these days it is left to the small teams to fly the flag for Britain in a race in which Bentley, Jaguar, Aston Martin and Ford have achieved so much in the past.

Motor cycling

Sheene back at scene of last years walk out

Barry Sheene, Britain's 500cc motor cycling world champion, returns on Sunday to Salzburgring, scene of last year's walkout by leading riders. He aims to repeat his 1976 Austrian Grand Prix victory to regain the lead in this year's championship table.

A year ago riders boycotted the Salzburgring race because of lack of safety and medical facilities. Sheene says: "I think the stand we made has been for the long term good of our sport. I am assured that all our requests have been fulfilled regarding the track." Sheene, who finished fifth in Spain two weeks ago, is second in the table, six points behind his Suzuki colleague, Pat Hennen, an American.



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Football

Outlook is now brighter at Chelsea

By Gerald Richmond

Leicester 0 Chelsea 2

Chelsea, who to their considerable alarm, have found themselves involved in the battle to avoid occupying the third relegation place, gathered two priceless points from a predictably dreadful game at Filbert Street last night. Leicester City, already down to the second division were the more relaxed side, but, rather as a consequence is relaxed, were unable to direct their steps. This was Leicester's sixth consecutive defeat. They might have done better had Weller and Kember not already been playing in the North American Soccer League, a most satisfactory situation which is going to devalue the Football League and which is hardly fair to West Ham United and Wolverhampton Wanderers over whom the third now hovers.

The bottom placings are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	39	10	13	16	42	62	33
West Ham	41	12	8	21	52	67	32
Q.P.R.	40	9	14	17	46	61	31
Wolves	39	9	12	18	44	61	30
Newcastle	41	6	10	25	42	75	22
Leicester	41	4	12	25	23	70	20

With the debts hanging over the club, relegation could be equated with extinction for Chelsea and the present side is ill-equipped to carry the burden of such dire possibilities. They were so nervous at the start that they could hardly pass two passes together, banging the ball hopefully in the general direction of Langley and Fleetwood. The best early effort was from Leicester, a cracking long shot from Hamilton, which Bonetti tipped over, and an angled shot from Smith. This time Bonetti managed to beat the ball out, a reflex save which, once more, enlivened the great debt which Chelsea have owed him for so many years. Generally, Leicester did not pose much of a threat in attack, as their paucity of goals might suggest and if, by chance, they failed to win the ball in the air his side Wicks was usually there.

Chelsea's first goal, in the 33rd minute, was typical of Leicester's talent-prone season. Danskins, in time very much on his side, was caught in possession as he was deciding what to do. Walker, having a fine turn of speed, raced the ball off the young full-back and ran through unopposed to hit his shot under Shilton. At once, there was a new spring in Chelsea's step and a flowing move ended with Wilkins heading Swain's centre past a post.

At the start of the second half, Wilkins playing despite a pelvic injury, drilled a pass inside Dawkins to set Walker free but, if it was a tactic formulated during the interval, little was seen of it after that. Walker, however, is an unpolished talent, and scored the second goal 11 minutes from the end. His long centre was headed down by Swain and Wilkins hit in a low shot.

That was enough for Chelsea as the sterling qualities of their central defenders made sure that there was no riposte by Leicester. Ward was twice uncomfortable, but there was no killing stroke from any of the Leicester side, only one of which seemed likely to stay in the top division with another club.

Chelsea's outlook is now brighter, but they may have to ask their accountant to discuss the possibilities of strengthening the team.

LEICESTER CITY: M. Wallington; Dawkins, S. Whitworth, T. Williams, S. Sims, D. Webb, M. Goodwin, Weller, D. Smith (sub: L. Robertson); G. Salmons, N. Hamilton.
CHELSEA: P. Bonetti; K. Locke, Harris, D. Hay, T. Droy, S. Wicks, Swain, R. Wilkins, T. Langley, S. Finnieston, C. Walker.
Referee: D. T. Richardson (Liverpool).



Duncan beats Hull's goalkeeper Blackburn but shoots wide of an open goal.

Dubious goal keeps Spurs in line for promotion

By Norman Fox

Tottenham H 1 Hull City 0

A goal of shady means late in their last home match of the season at White Hart Lane last night took Tottenham Hotspur back to within sight of the first division. They must now go to Southampton at the Dell on Saturday in need of one point to be sure of retaining the third promotion place ahead of Brighton. The top placings are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bolton	41	24	9	8	63	33	57
Southampton	41	22	12	7	70	39	56
Tottenham	41	20	13	8	63	49	53
Brighton	41	21	12	8	61	37	54

The goal by Perryman, his first this season, was distinguished as much for its controversy as its importance. Tottenham had almost suffocated the Hull City defence with weight of numbers but the goalkeeper, Blackburn, held them just as he held Hoddle's cross near the end when it seemed that a Tottenham player charged him down, allowing Perryman to push the ball over the line.

Neither was effort ever lacking in Tottenham's play but their finishing was not equal to the occasion. Having come within inches of scoring so often in the first half, they planted fresh doubts in an apprehensive crowd who had suffered the defeat by Sunderland last Saturday. There was urgency, speed, but little of the team confidence that enhanced their performances such a short time ago.

Hull disguised the disappointment of their own situation remarkably well. It was not within their scope to attack Tottenham beyond a few quick breakaways that caused some nervous clearances, but they deserved to survive everything Spurs could throw at them until the last minutes. They were especially well served by their strong, young right back, Daniel, who has already been noted by the England manager.

Tottenham might have scored on more than half a dozen occasions, but Hull defended tenaciously, with Blackburn keeping them out when the hard-pressed defence failed him. As early as the fifth minute Daniel cleared off the line from Hoddle and set the pattern. Jones screwed the ball across the goalmouth but there was no support. McAllister took time out of his own defensive duties, but he, too, saw a header blocked on the line. Jones followed, volleying towards the underside of the bar but Blackburn saved. There was not question of Hull capitulating without a protest and indeed Bannister and Nisbet twice seriously endangered Tottenham, who were left at half-time looking sheepish.

They returned to pummel the Hull goal as if in search of a submission, yet Hull still showed them a stubborn face. Blackburn magnificently deflected a close shot from Taylor, who suddenly appeared at the far post. The corner was immediately hustled off the line and Tottenham came back only for Blackburn to push Pratt's viciously hard shot round the post.

This was football democracy seen to be done. Hull, with nothing to gain but refusing to be beaten, needed no further incentive. Tottenham grew more impatient. They packed into the Hull penalty area but Blackburn was superb and desperately unfortunate when, in the end, he was beaten by what seemed to be an illegal challenge.

The pressure on Hull's goal was so intense that it was probably inevitable that in the end Tottenham would score, but when, in a turmoil of bodies, Blackburn stopped Hoddle's cross, he was bundled down with the ball in his hands. The referee, surprisingly allowed Perryman to hack at the ball when it came loose and thrust it over the crowded line.

However dubious in the execution, the goal was hugely important. It came in the eighty-first minute and indirectly from the twenty-eight of 30 corners that Tottenham obtained. Shortly, another goal seemed to have been scored by Spurs, but this time the referee did intervene with an offside decision.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: B. Daines; T. Naylor, J. Holmes, G. Hoddle, D. Sticklister, S. Perryman, J. Pratt, N. McNab, C. Jones, J. Duncan, P. Taylor.
HULL CITY: E. Blackburn; P. Daniel, R. de Vries, G. Nisbet, S. Croft, D. Roberts, D. Hood, P. Ralph, A. Warboys, B. Bannister, D. Stewart.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmer).

Woodcock sacrificed for England's sake

By Norman Fox

Football Correspondent

Brian Clough, Nottingham Forest's manager, has agreed to allow Woodcock, the club's goal-scoring forward, to play for the England under-21 team in a European championship match against Yugoslavia at Maine Road, Manchester, next Tuesday, even though Forest have to complete their League programme with matches against West Bromwich Albion on Tuesday and Liverpool on Thursday. England were beaten 2—1 in the first leg of the semi-final round in Novi Sad last week.

England's need to score against Yugoslavia was accepted by Mr Clough, even though last weekend he was mildly critical of Ron Greenwood, the England manager, for expecting Shilton, his goalkeeper, to join the party for the match against Brazil after playing a club game on Tuesday. Corrigan had already been chosen to play. The criticism was voiced in the excitement of Forest winning the League championship at Coventry and was probably taken further than was intended.

The playing of several League matches next week, although the season was scheduled to end on Saturday, again results in Mr Greenwood being deprived of several players he would probably have liked to include in preparation for their promotion to the full international team. Deehan and Gidman, both of Aston Villa, and Statham and Regis, of West Bromwich, have club commitments. Rix, of Arsenal, was not included because of the proximity of the Cup Final.

PARTY: J. Corrigan (Manchester City), J. Madeley (Leeds United), P. Daniel (Hull City), D. Sadler (Manchester Utd), P. Mariner (Ipswich Town), G. Shaw (Coventry City), K. Sansom (Crystal Palace), D. Mobley (Brighton), G. Roddis (Southampton), G. Rodaby (Tottenham Hotspur), P. Reid (Bolton Wanderers), A. King (Everton), K. Brazier (Norwich City), A. Gidman (Aston Villa), K. Brisenden (Nottingham Forest), K. Brisenden (Birmingham City), P. Barnes (Manchester City), G. Jones (Blackburn Rovers).

Worthington puts Bolton back in the first division

Bolton Wanderers made certain of returning to the first division after their win at nearby Blackburn Rovers last night. Worthington scored their winner in the 34th minute but by then Bolton could have been two down. McDonagh, their goalkeeper, saved with his fingertips from Bailey as Brotherston challenged and then Radford beat him with a header only to see it rebound from the post.

The crucial goal came from a mistake by Metcalfe, who lost possession in midfield. Greaves swept the ball out to the left and Worthington beat Butcher with a drive from 20 yards. Bolton, who had a second goal by Worthington disallowed for off-side, hung on in the second half, although Reid nearly scored.

Stoke City maintained their unbeaten home record under their manager, Alan Durban, with a convincing win over the defensive Oldham. They took the lead a minute before half-time when a cross from Crooks was deflected to Kendall who scored from close range. Stoke dominated the second half and increased their lead in the seventieth minute when O'Callaghan headed home a left-wing cross from Conroy. Nine minutes from time Busby headed home Kendall's centre.

Peterborough staged a remarkable recovery at Oxford to keep alive their hopes of promotion to the second division. Oxford fielding their youngest side with only two players over 21, outclassed Peterborough in the open-ing 30 minutes and took a three-goal lead through Briggs, Duncan and Taylor.

An own goal by Clemence means that York, who were in the third division last season, must now seek re-election in the fourth. Clemence's error in the 47th minute provided Reading with a surprise and their first goal in five and a quarter hours.

Rugby Union

Penalty saves London Irish in injury time

By Gordon Allan

London Irish 9 Coventry 9

Pat Parfrey kicked a straightforward penalty goal from 30 metres in injury time to enable London Irish to draw with Coventry at Sunbury last evening. Each side scored a goal and a penalty goal. It was a just result, in the last game of the Irish season. Both sides were given their chances, but squandered most of them. However, the rugby was always interesting, occasionally unexpected—the unexpected is never far away at Sunbury—but rather disjointed.

Coventry had to make several changes because of injury or unavailability. Coulthard, usually a centre, played at scrum-half—his first appearance there for Coventry, although it was his position at school. The stand-off half, Andrews, was a guest from the highly-successful Newbold-on-Avon side: he last played for Coventry seven years ago. Both wings were reserves.

It was not surprising, therefore, that the Irish looked the better-knit side at the outset. They scored after half an hour. Andrews failed to find touch for Coventry, Casalaspro thumped the ball into the air towards the Coventry line, and Jones caught it to drive over for a try. Parfrey converted. Rossborough kicked a penalty for Coventry shortly afterwards, before Condon missed a couple of long ones for the Irish, who lost O'Driscoll just before half-time with a head injury.

Coventry took the lead early in the second half. It began with their back row making a lot of ground from a set scrummage deep inside their own half. Andrews was eventually hauled down outside the Irish 22, but Coventry won the ruck quickly, and Maisey swerved through for a good try, with two men outside him. Rossborough converted.

Play ebbed and flowed, with Coventry looking much more dangerous now, but the Irish came back strongly in the last quarter. Condon missed a dropped goal from a scrummage in front of the posts, and then fumbled a pass when an overlap beckoned on his right. The Irish supporters were becoming desperate, even suggesting to Leopold that he might drop a goal from well inside his own half. But moments before the end, Parfrey stepped up to kick his penalty, and all was forgiven.

London Irish: D. Leopold; J. Casalaspro, R. McKibbin, H. Condon, J. Kirby; P. Parfrey, P. McCarry; K. Neale, K. Kennedy, E. White, M. Morton, M. Saulter, N. Hogan, J. O'Driscoll (sub: F. McFadden); W. Jones.
Coventry: P. Rossborough; G. Watts, S. Nelson, D. Duckham, M. Clifford; T. Andrews, P. Coulthard; I. Campbell, A. Farrington, T. Brimley, C. McCarthy, H. Fardoe, S. Oliver, G. Robbins, B. Clarke.
Referee: R. Quittenton (London).

Snooker

Mans moves nearer final

Perrie Mans (South Africa) led Fred Davis, his 64-year-old opponent 16—12 after the fourth session of their 35-frame semi-final in the world professional snooker championship, sponsored by Embassy, at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, last night.

Leading 13—8 overnight, Mans extended his lead by taking the first frame, but lost four of the next five as Davis pulled back to 13—15. Mans took the last frame to leave himself needing only two of the remaining seven frames.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: P. Mans (SA) leads F. Davis, 16—12. Fourth session frame scores (Mans first): 58—62, 31—66, 70—24, 58—08, 50-83, 47-59, 89—00.

Athletics

CRYSTAL PALACE: Representative match: Southern Counties 102 pts; London/Surrey Colleges 142½; Oxford University 87.

Cricket

Oxford Authentics, 211 for 3 dec (D. Hood 100 not out); Eton College, 157 for 4 (March drawn).

Boxing

Magri will breathe again after operation

Charlie Magri, the British flyweight champion, ended a highly successful first professional season when he outpointed Manuel Carrasco, of Spain, over eight rounds at the Royal Albert Hall, London, last night. It was his sixth victory in six bouts since he turned professional last October. His next move is likely to be to a hospital in Surrey where he is to have a piece of cartilage removed from his nose. He has not been able to breathe properly since he damaged his nose training for his second contest.

Last night Magri won every round against Carrasco, the sixth-rated flyweight in Europe. It is the measure of his progress that he has grown from a professional novice to a European championship contender in only seven months and in a total of only 25 rounds. But Carrasco, an awkward and difficult opponent, set Magri a new set of problems with his formidable height and reach and his southpaw style.

Delay on Tonna plans angers British officials

Marseilles, April 26.—Gratein Tonna, of France, said today that he would not be fit to defend his European middleweight title against Britain's Alan Minter until June at the earliest. Tonna is scheduled to box Minter in London on May 9 and British boxing officials are angry because they have not been told officially.

Tonna told Reuter today that he had sent a medical certificate to the European Boxing Union (EBU) after the doctor diagnosed an injury to his right elbow. "I shall be able to resume training around May 10 or 12 and, according to the doctor, I will be fit to fight in early June", he said.

Ray Clarke, the British Boxing Board of Control Secretary, yesterday called for Tonna to be stripped of his title unless he heard from France immediately about his fitness.

Yesterday's results and scorers

Uefa Cup final (first leg)

Bastia (0) 0 PSV Eindhoven (0) 0

First division

Aston Villa (1) 3 (Deehan, Little, Mortimer) Leeds (Hamlin) (0) 1 (30,824)
Leicester (0) 0 (12,970) Chelsea (Walker, Wilkins) (1) 2
Newcastle (1) 2 (Kennedy, Burns) (7,600) Norwich (Ryan, Reeves) (0) 2

Second division

Blackburn (0) 0 (27,833) Bolton (Worthington) (1) 1
Stoke (1) 3 (Kendall, O'Callaghan, Busby) Oldham (0) 0 (11,250)
Tottenham (0) 1 (Perryman) Hull (0) 0 (36,913)

Third division

Bradford (2) 2 (Hutchins (2), 3,148) Swindon (Carter) (0) 1
Chester (2) 2 (Livermore (pen), McIlor) Portsmouth (0) 0 (2,857)
Chesterfield (1) 5 (Cotton, Cammack, Deakin, Green, Fern (pen)) Gillingham (Price, Crabbe) (0) 2 (3,750)
Exeter (1) 4 (Hawker (2), Delve, Hatch) Tranmere (Allen, Cliff, 3,156) (1) 2
Lincoln (1) 2 (Hartford, Hodson) Carlisle (Kemp, 5,561) (1) 1
Oxford Utd (3) 3 (Briggs, Duncan, Taylor, 3,052) Peterbor'gh (Robson, Turner, Slough (pen)) (1) 3

Fourth division

Reading (1) 1 (Clemence (og)) York (3,312) (0) 0
Torquay (2) 3 (Lawrence (2), Cooper) Barnsley (Little, 1,050) (1) 1

Scottish premier division

Dundee Utd (3) 3 (Hall, Wallace, Fleming) Ayr Utd (McAnespie) (0) 1
Partick (4) 5 (McAdam (2), Munro, McQuade, O'Hara) St Mirren (0) 0
Clydebank (0) 1 (Houston) Celtic (Conroy) (0) 1

Scottish first division

Morton (0) 3 (Hayes, Goldthorpe, Ritchie (pen)) Airdrie (Cairney) (1) 1

Scottish second division

Berwick (3) 5 (Wight (3), Moyes, Smith (pen)) Brechin (Gillespie (2), Lyle (og)) (1) 3
Cowdenb'th (0) 1 (Trialls) Queen's Pk (Donnelly (2), Wilkie) (1) 3
Clyde (0) 0 Raith (Harrow) (1) 1

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Iran 1, Bulgaria XI 1; Poland 1, Bulgaria 0.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dover 1, Wealdstone 0 (abandoned at half-time); Kettering 1, Telford 0; Nuneaton 1, Cheltenham 0; Redditch 3, Minehead 1; Worcester 1, Grantham 0. First division (south): Folkestone and Shepway 2, Salisbury 1; Dorchester 6, Taunton 0.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hertford Town 1, St Albans City 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Lancaster 1, Bangor City 1; Morecambe 1, Scarborough 1; Runcorn 4, Goole 0.
RUGBY UNION: Aberavon 10, Bristol 3; Bradingley 14, Middlesbrough 16; Nuneaton 18, Burton 0; London Irish 9, Coventry 9; Orrell 21, Manchester 9; Penryn 7, Redruth 6; Rugby 17, Leicester 15.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Albion Rovers v Stenhousemuir.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Workson v Bangor City.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Enfield; Walthamstow Avenue v Dagenham.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Billericay Town v Redhill; Haringey Borough v Harefield United.
RUGBY UNION: Bath v Bedford (7.15).

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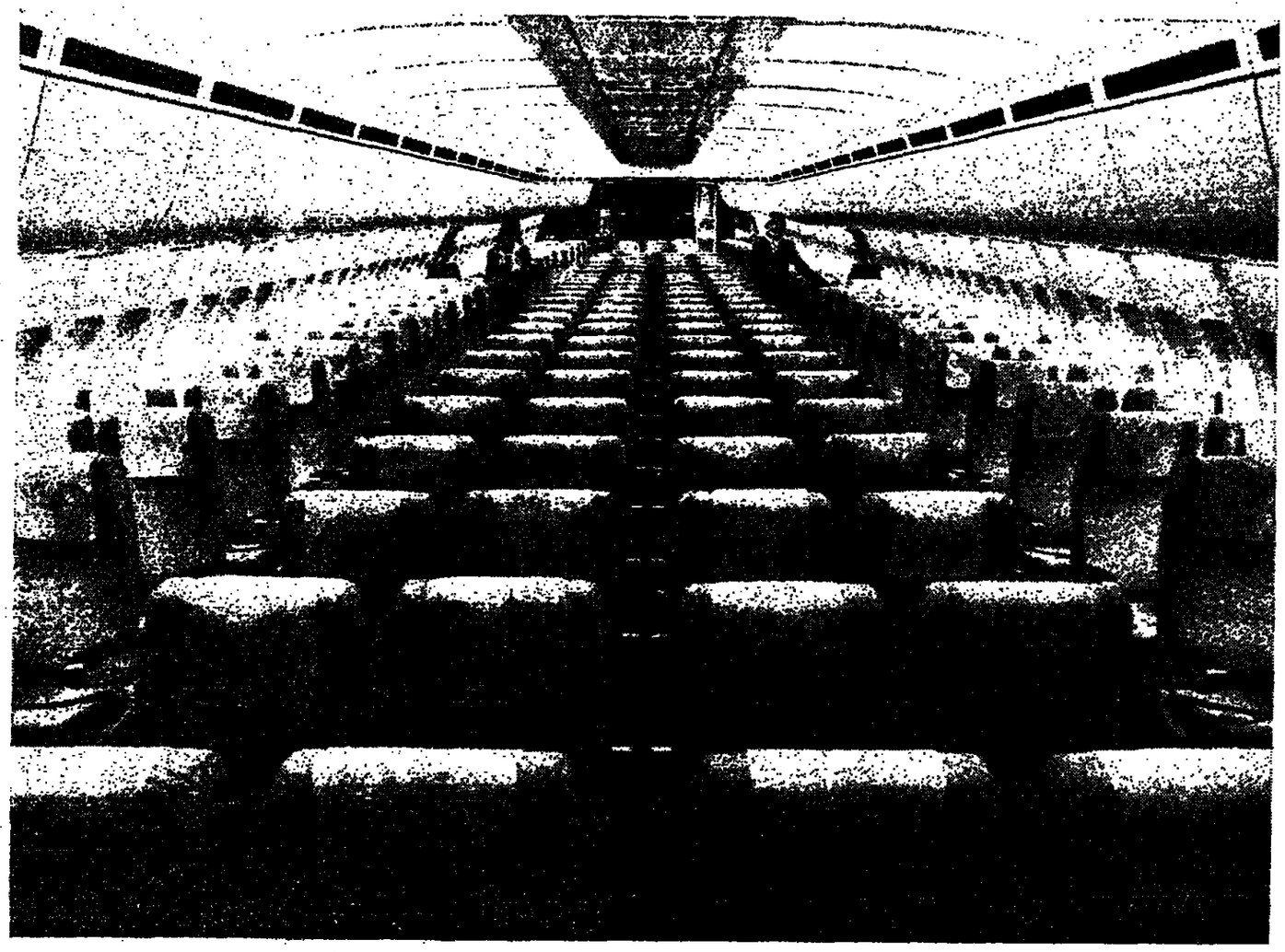
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Golf

Ballesteros a stroke outside record

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Madrid, April 26

Tired or not, Severiano Ballesteros can still play golf as he starts his seventh tournament since he won the Kenya Open eight weeks ago. His 66 here today in the opening round of the Madrid Open, one stroke outside the record set by Francisco Abreu, the winner two years ago, was for much of the day half a dozen strokes ahead of the field. Subsequently two more players broke 70 and Howard Clark is once again among the leaders on 70, but Ballesteros's position was unassailable.

For a time it looked as though I would have to revise my forecast of the eventual winner coming from one of Spain's gold medal winners, Ballesteros, Piñero and Antonio Garrido. Piñero finished in 79 saying that he could not shake off his fatigue—Puerta de Hierro is hardly the course to provide a rest cure—and Garrido, influenza still upon him, staggered to the course in time to play in the last trio with Howard Clark.

But Ballesteros, spurred on perhaps by the praise he received from the King of Spain yesterday, was back at the top after the couple of holes that he needed to settle into his stride. Faldo, playing with him, seemed almost dazed by the Spaniard's performance. "It's as though his score was on the board before he went out, and he had only to wander around the course to confirm it." Ballesteros, starting at the tenth, dropped one stroke to par in the whole round, and that at the third where in a cross-wind he zig-zagged from trees to scrub, but almost saved his par when a 50ft putt shaved the hole.

Three of his birdies came from the four long holes which averaged 545 yards. The longest of them, the 605-yard 18th, defeated even him in two strokes, although he admitted hitting his second "very big". It finished 60 yards from the green, and the same distance ahead of his two companions, Faldo and Angel Gallardo, in two shots. His birdie putts, though, were all round the 10ft mark except his last one at the fifteenth, which was much longer. Some irons were breathless to watch, a one-iron to the fourteenth green and a two-iron for his birdie at the next.

The only time his round looked in any danger of being moderate was in the first few holes, when he was fighting a lively north wind blowing down from the Guaderrama range freshly dusted with snow. The snow ploughs would be out between here and Burgos, we were told, and the coolness of the day confirmed it.

There is a similarity between the wide arcs of the Spaniard and Faldo, but there for the present the similarity ends. The Briton is lacking in confidence, fighting his right shoulder as he puts it, and troubled also by the surprising pace of the greens after a night's rain. There was a dreadful moment when he took four from the edge of the sixth hole he played, and it looked as though his round might go to pieces, but he recovered and played the remainder in par for a 76. "He will come back—give him a few weeks. He might even take a year, but he will come back", the man of the same age but greater experience of victory said.

Altogether Ballesteros has won 13 important tournaments outside his own country, and six minor ones inside. But he still gets the most satisfaction from having finished second in the British Open two years ago. It started him off and he will never forget that. But he is well aware that his own country is not yet on the list of those eight in which he has scored a great victory.

Prominent among British names was that of Charnley, 23 years old from Harpenden, who was carrying his own bag and dropped two strokes to par in the first four holes, but collected enough birdies later to finish under par. He showed up in the first dozen in the Zambian Open earlier this year.

A cold rain set in for the second half of the day, shrouding the distant mountains and adding to the difficulties of one of the toughest courses professionals have to play. This is not always reflected in the scores for today's 66 is by no means the first, but this is the wrong course with which to get on to bad terms. The second man to break 70 was Morgan, who last year just about kept going on the tour, but who has shown signs of moving up this season with a third place in Zambia and two other finishes in the first 12 on the "Safari" tour.

He caught the worst of the rain, but not of the wind and missed only two greens in his round. He dropped one stroke to par all day, at the same hole as Ballesteros had done, the 12th where the difficult pin placing lured him into a bunker. Morgan who tied thirteenth with Lyle in Barcelona was joined by him again on 69.

Lyle, in his first year as a professional, and winner of the Nigerian Open, hit only one bad drive today, at the last hole, and took three putts from the front edge of that long and by now almost waterlogged green. He also took three putts at the first, but he picked up five birdies and was driving much better than last week.

Clark, at the tail of the field, and playing the course the right way round, reached the turn in 34 and finished in 70, holding his game together well in the worsening conditions.

Leading scores:

66: S. Ballesteros.
69: J. Morgan (GB), S. Lyle (GB).
70: H. Clark (GB), P. Townsend (GB), G. Cullen (GB), A. Charnley (GB).
71: A. de P. Nunez, A. Cabo, M. Calero, P. Garrido.
73: G. Brand (GB), A. O'Connor (Ireland), B. Langer (Germany), H. Balocchi (SA), A. Gallardo, V. Tapia, V. Barrios, T. Britz (SA).
74: M. King (GB), M. McNulty (SA), A. Garrido, J. Alvarez, D. A. Russell (GB), S. Liberto (Argentina), J. Hall (GB), M. Bembridge (GB).
75: A. Piñero, N. Job (GB), J. H. Whitehead (GB), P. Barber (GB), B. Dassu (Italy), S. Holiday (Rhodesia), E. Polland (Ireland), P. Loxley (GB), D. Jagger (GB), S. Bolbuena, M. Ramos, J. Benito, J. M. Canizares.
76: N. Faldo (GB), J. Bland (SA), C. Mason (GB), B. Baker (SA), V. Ballesteros, E. Acosta (Mexico), J. LeGrange (SA), J. Rodriguez, J. Gallardo.



Ballesteros: spurred on perhaps by the praise he received from the King of Spain.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	193	3	10	422	4
2	561	5	11	217	3
3	423	4	12	459	4
4	398	4	13	309	4
5	530	5	14	470	4
6	179	3	15	490	5
7	385	4	16	392	4
8	324	4	17	174	3
9	390	4	18	605	5
Out	3,383	36	In	3,536	36

Equestrianism

Guzerat Cup won by a successful novice

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Julia Bradwell and Castlewellan, who completed the first complete cross-country run of the day for only nine penalty points, were rewarded by winning the Open Intermediate class at the Windsor horse trials yesterday and receiving the Guzerat Cup from the Queen.

Castlewellan was one of last year's successful novices, concluding the season by winning at Wylye. Jan Cooper on the young horse, Bert, who is under the close scrutiny of the selectors, beat the overnight leaders, James Holderness-Roddam and Just So for second place. A cold, wet day made this somewhat trappy course worse than usual, and it was not surprising that there were several falls and near falls towards the end of the course.

The overall winner of the two intermediate classes was Joanna Schofield's Frodo II, who also did the fastest time of the class for 14 penalties. Allied with the best dressage, for only 28 penalties, this was an infallible formula for success, and Stewart Stevenson on Miss Croft's Jurston Kestrel, home bred on Dartmoor near Chagford, would have finished second without show jumping penalties. Warrant Officer Varley, of the Household Cavalry, finished third on Zing to the obvious pleasure of the Queen.

Princess Anne, the president of a highly successful meeting which will serve for many young horses as their introduction to the more serious business of the three-day event, finished tenth on Inchiquin, who was not subjected to pressure.

MIDLAND BANK INTERMEDIATE SECTION: Section A: 1, Miss S. Kelly's Lord Nelson II (62 pts.); 2, Miss J. S. Dobson's Tiger Tim (65); 3, M. Tucker's Kaffa Star (75). Section B: 1, Miss J. Schofield's Frodo II (44); 2, Miss E. F. Croft's Jurston Kestrel (45); 3, The Household Cavalry's Zing (66).

OPEN INTERMEDIATE: 1, Miss J. Bradwell's Castlewellan (48); 2, Miss J. Cooper's Bert (57); 3, Mrs T. Holderness-Roddam's Just So (59).

ROME: Gran Premio Roma: 1, E. Macken (Ireland), Boomerang; 2, H. Godignon (France), Electra II.

Racing

Nine years on, Eddery reaches his 1,000

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Patrick Eddery rode his 1,000th winner yesterday at Epsom when Saros won the City and Suburban Handicap. The champion jockey's fine scoring rate can be gauged by the fact that it was only nine years ago that he won his first race on a horse called Alvaro. Coincidentally that first winner of his career was also at Epsom during the spring meeting.

It was a particularly good performance on Saros's part to win yesterday's race with 10st on his back. Until yesterday no horse had successfully carried as much in the race's history which now spans 127 years. No one knows Saros better than his trainer, Peter Walwyn, who often uses him as a hack at home. Yesterday Walwyn described Saros as a funny old horse who has his moods. "But he is a good horse on his day", he went on.

Saros was ridden quite beautifully by Eddery. His tactics were as impossible to fault as was his strength towards the end of what can only have been a tiring race on ground that had been softened considerably by the rain that had fallen throughout much of the day.

Yesterday was also a memorable occasion for Geoffrey Lewis, who rode his first winner 25 years ago on Eastern Imp. Now he celebrated his silver jubilee in racing by winning the Hyde Park Stakes on Spy Chief, who is clearly a very quick two-year-old judged on the way she flew out of the stalls and established a stranglehold on the prize at an early stage.

Spy Chief is trained locally by Brian Swift, who has now won that particular race four years in a row and six times in the past 10 years. Swift also won the other race for two-year-olds yesterday, the Banstead Stakes, with Pointillist, who was ridden by Geordie Ramshaw. Pointillist appeared to win with a lot in hand and I will be more than mildly surprised if he does not win again before long.

The stewards who were acting at Newmarket last week were busy during the day at Epsom yesterday. First, they reopened their inquiry into the behaviour of Ubedizzy in the Abernant Stakes, which was run on the second day of the Craven meeting. They interviewed Steve Nesbitt, the trainer, showed him two photographs taken of Ubedizzy attempting to savage his lad, and not being satisfied with his explanation informed him that they would report the colt's behaviour to the Stewards of the Jockey Club.

The Newmarket Stewards also inquired into the riding of Fool's Prayer, who was ridden by Lester Piggott in the Heath Stakes last Thursday. Having heard evidence from Ian Balding, who trains Fool's Prayer, Piggott and Lewis, who also rode in the race, the stewards accepted Piggott's explanation. This was that his riding instructions had been to hold the colt up and he only had one opening on the rails four furlongs out and to have taken this would have been contrary to the instructions he had received from Balding.

Quick Away is too quick to go home

John Reid caused a stir at Catterick Bridge by casing mount, Quick Away, when passi the winning post on the first c cuit in the Jockey Cap Sell Stakes. Quick Away, who lived to her name and came out of t stalls smartly, had covered sev furlongs and held a commandi lead when Reid appeared to p her up at the winning post—w a mile still to go. When question by the stewards, Reid admitted had mistaken the distance of t race. The stewards cautioned hi

Hardy Turk, shrugging off h 4lb penalty for a recent victor at Nottingham, maintained his wi ning run when beating Park Ro by two lengths in the Bridg Handicap. Jim Bleasdale, who lo his right to claim at the end o last season, was riding his 13t winner this year. He slipped Hard Turk into the lead after thre furlongs to cruise home easily.

Christopher Thornton, th trainer, said: "Hardy Turk now goes for the one mile and five furlong Edinburgh Handicap at Ayr next month. In the corresponding race last year, he was beaten four lengths by Lochranza." Tom Fairhurst has made a storming start to the new season with 12 winners. His latest success was Second Time Lucky, who beat Gipsy Prince by two and a half lengths in the Platt-Tootal Stakes.

Neil Crowther, who has only had 16 rides this season with five winners, let Amanco cut out the early running and pushed Second Time Lucky clear one furlong out. Milford John, who cost only 700 guineas at the Newmarket Sales, beat Godet by a length in the Sedbury, Maiden Auction Stakes.

Salaman inquiry adjourned for an indefinite period

The Jockey Club inquiry involving Taffy Salaman, a trainer, John Bowles and Colin Webbley, was adjourned indefinitely last night. The hearing, concerning allegations involving the falsification of a racehorse passport at Haydock Park on August 27th, 1975, will now probably be reopened at the end of May or early June.

A Jockey Club spokesman said last night: "We have not been able to get through all the evidence, and with another inquiry tomorrow there is no time to fit the end of this one in at the moment."

The inquiry centres on In The Money, a six-year-old gelding who started at 25-1, and finished out of the first nine in the Stuart Amateur Stakes. The allegation is that to ensure that the former Irish horse was permitted to run, a false veterinary declaration was inserted on a racehorse passport.

Salaman, aged 33, a former jockey, handles over 40 horses at Upper Lambourn and is probably best known for his achievements with Churchtown Boy, who won the Topham Trophy at Aintree in 1977 and then finished runner-up to Red Rum in the Grand National two days later.

Mr Bowles, who is also a trainer, is a former business associate of Salaman, and Mr Webbley is a commercial artist, from Cricklewood, the place where Salaman started his training career three years ago.

The other inquiry which the Jockey Club have to deal with today involves Josh Gifford, the Findon trainer, and Robert Champion, his stable jockey. The solicitor for Gifford and Champion has indicated that he may produce up to 21 witnesses to speak for his clients in what has become known as the Nougat affair.

The case concerns the running and riding of Nougat in the Daniel Lambert Handicap Hurdle at Leicester on January 10. Nougat started at 10-1 and finished fourth, 17 lengths behind the winner.

The local stewards interviewed Gifford and Champion and recorded their explanation that the eight-year-old gelding had been off the course for 18 months, had become very gross and that Gifford had told his jockey not to be too hard if the race was run too fast.

Eleven days later, on January 2, Nougat won the Lanzarote Handicap Hurdle at Kempton Park, starting at 8-1. The Kempton stewards inquired into the apparent improvement on Nougat's Leicester running and accepted the explanation of Gifford's wife.

Derby acceptors

FIRST ACCEPTORS: Admiral's Launch, Albert Hall, Ambersi Argamas, Antler, Bel Sorel, Bilal, Bold Hunter, Brendans Glen, Calman, Camacho, Cannon, Canadian Bound, Chasing, Charlottes Choice, Comte de Lair, Conte Sand, Coriander, Crested Crebs, Crimson Beau, Dactylographer, Dgrader, Diamond Jim, Diamonds Are Trump, Duke of Normandy, Errigence, Fl Sudr, Encyclopedia, English Harbour, Ethnarch, Exciteroon, Fair Top, Fool's Prayer, Forest Lodge, Formidable, Frassino, Gallant, Gallant Dancer, Gay Mecene, Goblin, Gractas, Great Metternich, Hasty Flag, Hatched, Hawaiian Sound, Heir-Presumptive, Hill's Yankee, Hisham, Home Run, Huarding, Icelandic, Ile de Bourbon, Inkerman, Invincible, Irish Noble, Lazzaro, John de Coombe, Julio Mariner, Kandos, Kerkorian, Kharkov, King for a Day, King of Darov, Kosucine, Lalana, Late Commer, Latin Lock, Laurel Tree, Le Lorrain, Le Moss, Lexyson, Leonardo de Vinci, Le Riverain, Lord Cymbal, Lorquet, Lovely River, Magnitude, Majestic Maharaj, Major George, Mahad El Bawa, Martingale, M-Lolshan, Moor Sammy, Morse Code, Muscadier Nassiri, Newsbus, Nicholas Bill, Nisha spur, Noir et Or, Northern Mystic (USA), Obrazstsovy, Orange Marmalade, Out From Paleton, Pathfinder, Persian Gold, Philadanlos, Piece of Lundy Portese, Pijama Hunt, Rathdowney, Reef on Rock, Relevance, Remainder Man, Rionore, Roar to Glory, Robbie Lad, Roland Gardens, Roscon Blake, Rovers Day, Roya Alalanta Royal Pinnacle, Schumann Sexton Blake, Shirley Heights, Singing Amab, Soldiers Point, Son Fils, Spence Bay, Spring to Mind, Stainless Customer, Strong Gale, Super Concorde, Tardel, Tarzan, Tendaribos, Taymour, Theocritus, Tight Ship, Tom Sermon, Tors Reef, Trysion, Try My Best, Turville, Tusk, Valour, Warcash, War Whoop and Whitstead.

Second Acceptance, May 16. Race to be run at Epsom on June 7, over 1½ miles.

Other racing, page 13

Rhodes is three strokes clear on short course

Jim Rhodes, the Midland match-play champion from Beau Desert, moved into a lead of three strokes in the Midland golf tournament sponsored by Uniroyal, at King's Norton, with a second round 71 yesterday.

His score was par for the round, the course having been reduced by 186yd—including 50yd off the long fifth to reduce it to par four.

The move followed Tuesday's high scores, when only the overnight leader, John Anderson, with 71, broke par. Rhodes was a model of consistency. He holed putts of 12ft and 18ft for birdies at the sixth and 17th and, apart from dropping a stroke at the second, played the course in regulation figures.

Coventry's Philip Weaver, three strokes behind on 151, after a second round 77, took three putts four times to throw away his chance. Anderson was one of the late starters yesterday.

SECOND ROUND: 148: J. Rhodes. 71: 151: P. Weaver, 77: 152: P. Cowen, 78: 154: A. H. Bownes, 72: 155: R. D. S. Livingston, 76, D. Pugson, 81: 156: B. W. Ellis, 76: 157: T. J. Giles, 78, A. Carter, 77: 158: E. M. Leach, 80: 159: J. Wiltshire, 80: 161: J. W. B. Spencer, 78, N. Selwyn-Smith, 77, T. W. Rastall, 80: 162: N. Ryan, 78, P. J. Francy, 81.

Snow rules out play in Northern Open

Snow covered the Elgin course and ruled out yesterday's play in the Clydesdale Bank Northern Open Golf championship.

The championship committee decided to put the last three rounds back a day in the hope of completing the 72-hole tournament tomorrow. If play is not possible today the field will still be cut to a maximum of 60 for the two final rounds tomorrow.

Six players withdrew because of the postponement, two of them professionals who risk disciplinary action.

Ice hockey

Sweden fight for control

Prague, April 26.—Sweden opened this year's world ice hockey championship with a win by 6—2 over West Germany (period scores, 2—0, 3—1, 1—1) here today. The Swedes, tipped as one of the four main contenders for this year's title, had a slow start and were surprisingly hard put to establish control over the game.

Lars Lindgren scored the first goal of this year's championship in the twelfth minute, and Kent Erik Andersson added Sweden's second goal of the first period.

Robert Murray, a naturalized Canadian defenceman scored West Germany's first goal, but Sweden retaliated with three power play goals from Rolf Edberg, Per Olov Brasar and Roland Eriksson.

Bengt Lundholm scored Sweden's sixth goal in the forty-third minute, but had passing by the Swedish defence was intercepted by Johann Zach who scored West Germany's second goal.—The Soviet Union beat the United States 9—5 in their first round.

At last our builders are taking off.



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Racing

Be Sweet tastes longer distance

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

Having won one classic trial for ...es at Newmarket last week ...h Seraphima, Peter Walwyn ...ld easily be well placed to win ...ther—the Princess Elizabeth ...kes—at Epsom today with one Seraphima's regular galloping ...panions, Be Sweet. Being a ... sister to those two good ...ers, Attica Meli and Royal ...e, by Reform, Be Sweet looks ... type who should come into ... own as a three-year-old now ... she is able to race over dis...es more in keeping with her ...igree. Yet she was still able ...do well as a two-year-old when ... was racing over much shorter ...ances.

...lthough she won easily at ...dsor in July, and finished ...d in the Lowther Stakes at ...k the following month, her ... performance was surely on ...tember 1, again at York, where ... was beaten only a neck by ...ry Hinton when she was try... to give that filly weight. ...telimar, Varishkina, Princess ...li and Swiss Maid are the four ... would seem most likely to ...e Be Sweet trouble on this ...sion.

...ontelimar has changed stables ...e last season when her form ... almost as good as Be Sweet's ... occasions. Today she will be ...en by Lester Piggott who is ...lly worth a few pounds when ...omes to race riding around ...om. Varisgina made a ...urable impression on those ... saw her beat Spring in Deep ... at York last autumn and I ...w that her trainer Henry ...il is sure that she will win ...d races for him this season. ...remains to be seen whether ...y is the day.

...incess Eboli is one of Brigadier ...ard's second crop which have ...ceeded in putting their sire on the map of the stallions. Last year Princess Eboli was beaten at Ascot, albeit only just by Seraphima and what that filly managed to do then, her stable companion should also succeed in doing now. Swiss Maid has never run but she must have shown her trainer, Paul Kelleway, something at home because she was second favourite for the Wood Ditton Stakes, at Newmarket, last week until she was withdrawn for refusing to enter the stalls.

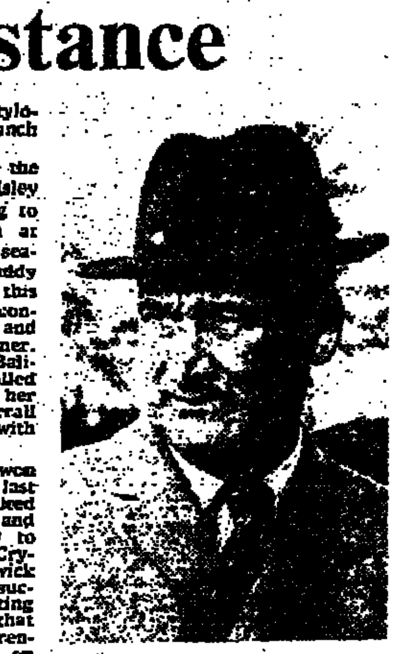
To be allowed to run today Swiss Maid must have passed an official stalls test in the meantime. Tony Murray told me yesterday that he will be flying over from France especially to ride Swiss Maid and that he expects her to run well but even he harbours a doubt about her being able to beat Be Sweet who will be fancied to win the Oaks in June if she puts up a good show and wins nicely this afternoon.

If Be Sweet runs up to expectations, another well-bred filly, Suni (4.45), could put the finishing touches to a good day for Walwyn and Eddery by winning the April Handicap Stakes. Suni has already won comfortably at Leicester where she was not remotely put out at having to gallop down a hill. Michael Stoute's filly, Sofala, who won at Newmarket and Redcar last season, could be the main stumbling block so far as Suni is concerned.

By tradition the Warren Stakes is the only opportunity for three-year-olds to race over the course and distance of the Derby before the big race itself. Today seven colts have stood their ground for this test and I will not be surprised if we see a royal victory with the Queen's colt Duke of Normandy winning from Conti Santi, who won at Epsom and Goodwood as a two-year-old and the promising maiden, Valour, who was runner-up to Dactylographer and Admiral's Launch last year.

When Dick Hern showed me the horses in his care at West Ilsley recently, I took a great liking to Duke of Normand who won at Ascot and at Newbury last season. Balilla (2.0) will be Paddy Prendergast's first runner in this country this season when she contests the Westminster Stakes and she may also be his first winner. Balilla is by that fast horse Balidar and out of a good mare called Fighting, who did well for her owner Roderic More O'Ferrall when she was in training with John Dunlop.

Just on the way that she won her first race at Phoenix Park last month Balilla has clearly inherited plenty of speed from her sire and I know that she is expected to be too fast this afternoon for Crystal Miss who has won at Warwick and Brighton already. Nothing succeeds quite like success in boosting a young man's confidence and that helps to explain why the apprentice Nicholas Howe is riding on the crest of a wave at the moment. From comparatively few opportunities Howe has ridden four winners and a second in the last week and looked a promising young jockey in the process. In his present form Fettered could easily be yet another winner for him in the third round of the Crown Plus Two Apprentice Championship Handicap in which he was runner-up last season.



Peter Walwyn . . . well placed to win another classic trial.

Campero, a likely starter for the Jockey Club Stakes, is also earmarked for the Yorkshire Cup later in the month.

On the subject of the 1,000 Guineas, no firm decision has yet been taken on whether Clear Picture will run, but it is becoming less likely that Francois Boutin's filly will be at Newmarket.

Maurice Zilber may have three runners at Newmarket next week. Propitiate is a possible for the 1,000 Guineas and Invincible may take his chance in the 2,000 Guineas. Neither horse has raced this year.

STATE OF GOING (official): Epsom: Soft. Teesside Park: Firm. Beverley (tomorrow): Good. Newcastle (tomorrow): Good to firm.

Epsom results

2.1 (2.1) BANSTEAD STAKES (2-y-o: £1,253: 5f)
...alilist, gr c, by On Your Mark—Miss Vicki (Northgate Bloodstock Ltd), 9-0 G. Ramshaw (3-1) 1
...tler Supreme, gr f, by Birdbrook—Brava (Sparkler Filters Great Britain Ltd), 8-11 B. Rouse (8-1) 2
...al Mark Boy, ch c, by Decoy Boy—Sweet Reason (F. J. Hyde and Sons Ltd), 9-0 W. Carson (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Man of the Sea, Portola, 16-1 Cap Too, 33-1 Alanooi ..., Singing Fool. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 15p; places, 11p, 25p; dual forecast, 42p. B. Swift, at Epsom. 1½l, 2½l. 1min 1.94sec.

(2.35) SILVER TROPHY HANDICAP (£2,856: 1½m)
...ceful, ch g, by Crepello—Peace (J. Whitney), 7-9-8 S. Raymont (10-1) 1
...a Candid, b h, by Candy Cane—Suspense (Mrs G. Janson), 4-9-12 ...... B. Taylor (9-2) 2
...ose, b c, by Relko—Palmasa (D. Allen), 4-9-8 G. Starkey (9-3) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Lucky Mick..., 5-1 Pollerton, 10-1 Marakas ..., 12-1 Oriental Rocket, 14-1 ...ro, 25-1 Baroncroft. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.23; places, 43p, 19p; dual forecast, £3.70. J. Tree, Marlborough. ¾l, 3l. 2min 53.74sec.

(3.9) CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP (£4,428: 1½m)
...a, b c, by Sassafras—Rose ...pse (Dr G. Vittadini), 4-10-0 P. Eddery (14-1) 1
...ary, b c, by Great Heron—...ve in Love (K. Dodson), 4-8-6 G. Lewis (20-1) 2
...er Blessed, br c, by So Blessed—Albetta (J. Rose), 4-9-2 A. Bond (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Fair Season, ...e Kithairon, 7-1 Peerless Prince, ..., 4-1 Cacique, Festival Hall, 12-1 ...ss King, Peruchio, 14-1 Connors, 1-1 Il Padrone. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.55; places, 44p, 86p, 25p; dual forecast, £7.67. P. T. Walwyn, at Lambourn. Hd, 2½l. 2min 20.51sec.

3.35 (3.41) HYDE PARK STAKES (2-y-o: £1,606: 5f)
Spy Chief, b f, by Tribal Chief—Spyrra (Mrs M. Tillman) 9-2 G. Lewis (6-5 fav) 1
Leading Counsel, bl or br c, by Upper Case—Black Mink (Mrs G. Mullings) 8-7 J. Lynch (16-1) 2
Kassak, gr c, by Dragonara Palace—Daphiness (M. Dawes) 9-2 B. Rouse (11-8) 3
ALSO RAN: 16-1 Zohare (4th), 25-1 Meggies, 50-1 Royal Connection. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 15p, 34p; dual forecast, £1.28. B. Swift, at Epsom. 3l, 1½l. Bucco Bay did not run.

4.10 (4.13) GREAT SURREY HANDICAP (£2,406: 6f)
Cry No More, b h, by Weepers Boy—Balfour Lass (W. Lusty) 5-9-9, L. Piggott (100-30 jt fav) 1
Hyver Hill, ch c, by Porto Bello—Alydee (D. Rowland) 4-9-6 B. Taylor (9-1) 2
Song Of Songs, b c, by Song—Sottera (H. Joel) 4-9-13 G. Lewis (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav Bodge School, 7-2 Equal Opportunity, 12-1 The Solostan, Epsom Imp, 25-1 Paul Diver (4th). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 16p, 37p, 13p; dual forecast, £1.39. W. Marshall, at Newmarket. 2½l, ¾l.

4.45 (4.46) KINGSWOOD STAKES (3-y-o: £1,423: 1m 110yd)
Miss Noname, b f, by High Top—Rigoletta (S. Powell) 8-8 B. Rouse (15-2) 1
Valdee, b or br c, by Philip Of Spain—Golden April (E. Bailes) 8-11 .... T. Morby (7-1) 2
Vicenzo, br c, by Roberto—Variare (B. Firestone) 9-3 J. Matthias (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-11 House Guard, 14-1 Rhein Symphony (4th), 16-1 Duberly, Groovy, 25-1 Stalisl, Sharp Fiddle, 33-1 Court Gold, Cri de Grace. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 64p; places, 19p, 20p, 22p; dual forecast, £1.76. J. Sutcliffe, at Epsom. 6l, 2½l. Northanger did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Saros, Cry No More, £59.90. TREBLE: Peaceful, Spy Chief, Miss Noname, £154.00. Double dual forecast: £27.30. JACKPOT: Not won. PLACEPOT: £86.10.

Catterick Bridge

2.15 (2.16) JOCKEY CAP STAKES (3-y-o: £384: 1m 7f 180yds)
Tailshire Beverly, ch f, by The Go-Between—Kingdom Come (Tailshire Ltd), 8-4 T. O'Ryan (13-8 jt fav) 1
Castle Peep ...... T. Ives (14-1) 2
Subsidise M. Thomas (13-8 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Am' Away-Too (4th), 10-1 Nick Away, 12-1 Ripple Wood, 14-1 Cave alloy, 25-1 Maurice's Fox. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 11p, 64p, 18p; dual forecast, £2.12. G. Toft, Beverley. 5l, 8l.

2.45 (2.48) SEDBURY STAKES (2-y-o £630: 5f)
Milford John, ch c, by Lorenzaccio—Royal Rosette (D. Adams), 8-8 ...... M. Thomas (11-2) 1
Gadot ...... K. Darley (6-1) 2
Private Love C. Eccleston (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Thorganby Tina, 4-1 Misty Nimbus (4th), 6-1 Dusty Brown, 8-1 Les Elite, 9-1 Wally's Wonder, 10-1 King Kermit, 12-1 Dragon Lady, 25-1 Timarock. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.21; places, 43p, 21p, 26p; dual forecast, £2.38. J. Hardy, Taunton. 1l, 3l. Wyn-Bank did not run.

3.15 (3.16) SPRING HANDICAP (£1,253: 6f)
Craft Close, br g, by Sit In The Corner—Open Arms (Hathaway Roofing Ltd), 4-7-13 A. Mercer (6-1) 1
Fantasy Royale J. Bleasdale (14-1) 2
Peggy Jet .... L. Charnock (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav River Petterill, 9-2 Palamine, 13-2 Heracles, 7-1 Pams Gleam (4th), 11-1 Swelled Turban, 12-1 Timalex, 33-1 Double Secret, Babbacombe. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.35; places, 55p, 26p, 18p; dual forecast, £33.53. J. W. Watts, Richmond. ½l, sh hd.

3.45 (3.50) PLATT-TOOTAL STAKES (3-y-o: £788: 7f)
Second Time Lucky, ch g, by Shiny Tenth—Luscious Bit (Maj E. Cliff-McCulloch), 8-11 N. Crowther (5-1 fav) 1
Gipsy Prince .... T. Ives (7-2) 2
Lampion ...... K. Leason (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Green Park, 6-1 Tripos, 10-1 Miss Friendly, Adlaria, 12-1 Shius Locker, 16-1 Paphos Bay (4th), 20-1 Amanco, Boxberger Cool, Herkomer Girl, Lareda, 25-1 Don Fatale, 33-1 Patchboy, Thomas More, Bonnie Bonilla. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 47p; places, 11p, 22p, 44p; dual forecast, 60p. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. 1½l, nk. Romie did not run.

4.15 (4.16) BRIDGE HANDICAP (£1,316: 1½m)
Hardy Turk, b h, by Hill Clown (USA)—Turkhan Law (A. McCaffry), 7-8-13 J. Bleasdale (11-8 fav) 1
Park Row .... L. Charnock (5-1) 2
Royal Pursuit .. M. Thomas (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Spare A Dime (4th), 9-1 Radiant Morn, 14-1 Bell's Lad, Keira, Stormy Affair, 16-1 High Hills, 20-1 French Warrior, 25-1 Calm Ship, 50-1 Homefield. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 15p, 17p, 18p; dual forecast, 79p. C. Thornton, at Middleham. 2l, 5l.

4.45 (4.46) RICHMOND STAKES (2-y-o: £908: 5f)
Be Cross, b c, by Track Spare—Ever Joyful (S. Mason), 9-4 J. Reid (6-1) 1
Inviter ...... O. Gray (4-1) 2
Our Melody .. P. Kelleher (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Sutra (4th), 4-1 Own Arrangements, 10-1 Helen Sceptre, 16-1 Young Bloodhawke, 25-1 Father George, Firbeck, Francestra, 33-1 Arc Moon. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 14p, 20p, 16p; dual forecast, £8.51. R. Vibert, at Wantage. ½l, 1½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Craft Close, Hardy Turk, £77.45. TREBLE: Milford John, Second Time Lucky, Be Cross, £58.90 (paid on first leg).

Epsom programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

2.0 WESTMINSTER STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,263: 5f)
1 11 Crystal Miss (D), (J. Smith) R. Hannon, 9-2 .... F. Durr 3
2 1 Balilla (D) (E. O'Ferrall), P. Prendergast, 8-12 .... C. Roche 4
6 2 City Link Lass (Citylink Transport Holdings Limited), P. Ashworth, 8-8 .... B. Rouse 5
9 Jubilee Lass (Miss N. Woollett), P. Cundell, 8-4 .... P. Cook 2
10 Miss Chianti (Mrs J. Wolfe), S. Supple, 8-4 .... P. Eddery 1
13 Rose of Shenfield (J. Childs), M. Haynes, 8-4 .... B. Jago 6
5-6 Balilla, 5-2 Crystal Miss, 4-1 City Link Lass, 12-1 Miss Chianti, 16-1 others.

2.30 APPRENTICE CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP (Round 3: £1,690: 7f 11yds)
202 003300- Codebreaker (T. Smith), D. Laing, 5-9-0 ...... J. Rowe 8
206 4032-30 Showpiece (D. Keith), Keith, 4-8-10 .... J. Court 5 4
208 000202- Pagos Boy (E. Burchell), G. Harwood, 6-8-8 P. Bloomfield 7 1
209 40100-0 Welsh Soldier (Brig B. Cowey), M. Salaman, 4-8-2 .... — 9
210 0-0 Slow Coach (W. Cox), D. Marks, 4-7-13 .... M. Malham 7 7
211 03000-3 Gimri (C-D) (Mrs L. Wood), C. Benstead, 5-7-10 W. Wharton 10
212 010-042 Belle Vue (R. Mason), Mason, 5-7-9 .... N. Brannick 5 5
213 003-001 Fettered (B) (Mrs G. Waddingham), N. Vigors, 4-7-7 N. Howe 5 6
214 00000-1 Sky Jump (J. Swift), B. Swift, 4-7-7 .... K. Darley 3
215 000031- Sarpedon (Mrs R. Smyth), R. Smyth, 5-7-7 .. D. Jacques 7 2
11-4 Sky Jump, 7-2 Fettered, 9-2 Gimri, 6-1 Showpiece, 8-1 Belle Vue, 10-1 Pagos Boy, 12-1 Codebreaker, Sarpedon, 20-1 others.

3.05 PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES Group 3: 3-y-o fillies: £6,662: 1m ½f)
301 020124- Budget Queen (K. F. Butler & Co Limited), D. Keith, 8-11 G. Starkey 1
302 010120- Montelimar (N. McConnell), J. Tree, 8-11 .... L. Piggott 3
303 1 Pakeha (D. Wildenstein), G. Hunter, 8-11 .. M. Roberts 4
304 3324-01 Soulful (Lord H. de Walden), E. Weymes, 8-11 .. W. Carson 5
305 20143-0 Temple Queen (Mrs D. Andree), C. Brittain, 8-11 .. E. Hide 6
306 01- Varishkina (Lady Delamere), H. Cecil, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 7
307 41322- Be Sweet (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 8-6 .... P. Eddery 8
310 23- Princess Eboli (T. Blackwell), B. Hobbs, 8-6 .. G. Lewis 2
311 Swiss Maid (H) (M. Fine), P. Kelleway, 8-6 .. A. Murray 9
5-4 Be Sweet, 11-4 Varishkina, 4-1 Montelimar, 11-2 Princess Eboli, 8-1 Pakeha, 12-1 Soulful, 16-1 others.

3.35 LADBROKE SPRINT HANDICAP (£2,561: 5f)
401 004302- Vilgora (C-D) (Sleepline Holdings), R. Hannon, 6-9-11 F. Durr 8
403 033030- Royal Diver (C-D) (D. Hall), R. Hannon, 4-9-0 .. P. Eddery 4
404 00200-0 Hot Bird (D,B) (Sir E. McAlpine), R. Smyth, 5-8-6 E. Hide 10
405 30022-3 Gauleiter (D) (T. Warner), M. Jarvis, 4-8-6 .. B. Raymond 3
406 201000- Overseas Admirer (Mrs S. Burley), J. Winter, 4-8-3 B. Taylor 5
407 11210-0 Silk Lady (C-D) (Mrs N. Collins), P. Ashworth, 5-8-4 B. Rouse 2
408 02120-0 Offa's Mead (D) (J. Bradley), Bradley, 6-7-13 .. R. Curant 9
409 024440- Doormat (D,B) (G. Sutton), D. Ancil, 5-7-13 .. M. Thomas 11
411 100000- Port Royal (C) (Dr D. Fermont), A. Ingham, 5-7-12 B. Jago 1
412 0400-00 Raf'la Set (D) (Mrs G. Neal), W. Wightman, 5-7-12 W. Carson 7
413 000-300 Peranka (D) (C. Allen), W. Marshall, 6-7-10 .. A. Bond 14
415 00043-4 Song's First (D) (Mrs F. Morley), S. Nesbitt, 6-7-7 A. Nesbitt 7 13
416 00120-0 Tribal Call (D) (P. Metcalfe), Metcalfe, 5-7-7 .. S. Salmon 15
418 0010-10 Franklilyn (D) (T. Craig), Craig, 5-7-7 .... M. Roberts 12
419 220100- Polar Cutter (C-D) (Mrs E. Jackman), M. Haynes, 6-7-7 D. McKay 6
7-2 Gauleiter, 4-1 Vilgora, 6-1 Silk Lady, 7-1 Peranka, 8-1 Hot Bird, Song's First, 10-1 Franklilyn, 12-1 Offa's Mead, Doormat, 20-1 others.

4.10 WARREN STAKES (3-y-o: £4,389: 1½m)
501 100-023 Alaskan Prince (Mrs G. Hudson), W. Marshall, 8-12 R. Marshall 3
502 00-1 Chokwaro (D) (R. Marchant), M. Jarvis, 8-12 .. B. Raymond 1
503 2110- Conte Santi (C) (H. Demetriou), H. Price, 8-12 .. B. Taylor 2
504 000241- Crested Grebe (Eva Lady Rosebery), B. Hobbs, 8-12 G. Lewis 4
505 1231- Duke of Normandy (The Queen), W. Hern, 8-12 W. Carson 7
506 34110-3 Hills Treble (William Hill Racing Ltd), P. Walwyn, 8-12 P. Eddery 6
507 022- Valour (G. Ward), R. Houghton, 8-8 .... L. Piggott 5
5-2 Conte Santi, 100-30 Valour, 4-1 Duke of Normandy, 6-1 Hills Treble, 8-1 Chokwaro, 10-1 Crested Grebe, 12-1 Alaskan Prince.

4.45 APRIL HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £2,481: 1m ½f)
601 21200-0 Alpine Alice (E. Covell), B. Swift, 9-0 .... G. Ramshaw 8
602 3321- Rainbows End (The Queen), I. Balding, 9-0 .. J. Matthias 14
603 071- Belle Reef (D. Bradstock), P. Walwyn, 8-13 .. T. Morby 10
605 4100-0 Sandford Lass (C) (Mrs D. Olley), H. Price, 8-9 .. B. Taylor 3
606 12040-0 Pride's Palace (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-9 .. S. Payne 7 6
607 0-1 Suni (O. Waller), P. Walwyn, 8-8 .... P. Eddery 4
608 1- Alma (The Queen), W. Hern, 8-8 .... W. Carson 2
610 011- Sofala (A. Schwarer), M. Stoute, 8-5 .... P. Cook 7
611 023000- Forest Flower (L. Holliday), Denys Smith, 8-0 .. M. Thomas 5
612 040-0 Careless Flyer (M. Old), C. Benstead, 8-1 .. B. Rouse 1
613 00400- Released (Mrs D. Riley-Smith), H. Price, 7-9 .. S. Salmon 11
15-8 Suni, 4-1 Alma, 9-2 Sofala, 6-1 Sandford Lass, 9-1 Rainbows End, 10-1 Belle Reef, 12-1 Alpine Alice, 20-1 others.

Epsom selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 BALILLA is specially recommended. 2.30 Fettered. 3.5 Be Sweet. 3.35 Gauleiter. 4.10 Duke of Normandy. 4.45 Suni.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.5 Varishkina. 3.35 Gauleiter. 4.10 Crested Grebe. 4.45 Sofala.

Teesside Park programme

1.45 SEAMER STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o maidens: £791: 1m)
1 00000- Ayresome (Wholesbay Ltd Harbor Lites) J. Calvert, 9-0 J. Lowe 11
5 00000- Big Jasper (A. Thomson), J. Skilling, 9-0 .... J. Seagrave 6
8 00020-4 Can't Help It (Mrs D. Rothwell), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 C. Moss 13
10 00-00 Danubius (S. Carnegie), T. Craig, 9-0 ...... K. Leason 5
11 0000-0 Dunelm Overall (Dunelm Overall Rental Ltd), Denys Smith 9-0 L. Charnock 2
13 400-0 Forties Field (B) (Y. Nasib), J. Hindley, 9-0 A. Kimberley 12
25 000-02 Mr Pringle (E. Lambton), P. Robinson, 9-0 .... P. Young 5 14
28 24300-0 Prince Allander (J. Chalmers), E. Carter, 9-0 .... C. Dwyer 1
30 00320-0 Rajpipla (S. Hunt), W. Haigh, 9-0 .... P. Kelleher 10
32 0000-0 Sam Buster (M. Reddan), K. Mitchard, 9-0 ...... O. Gray 15
41 000-0 Wolvey Sovereign (B B Oils Coventry Blackhorse Tdg Est) R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .... T. Ives 9
45 0000- Gin and Lime (G. Reed), C. Thornton, 8-11 .. J. Bleasdale 3
48 3000-00 Lindum Parva (Mrs F. Clarke), J. Skilling, 8-11 T. O'Ryan 8
49 Neoprobiem (Mrs M. Richardson), B. Wilkinson, 8-11 S. Webster 4
51 0 Safety Measure (G. Clark), M. Stoute, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 7
6-4 Safety Measure, 5-1 Mr Pringle, 4-1 Forties Field, 6-1 Can't Help It, 10-1 Rajpipla, 12-1 Gin and Lime, Prince Allander, 16-1 others.

2.15 LIMBER STAKES (2-y-o: £388: 5f)
1 Gold Tudor (J. Hardy), J. Hardy, 8-11 .... P. Madden 1
2 0 Nippy Lad (G. Griffin), J. Skilling, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 4
3 02 Supreme Lil (D. Gorton), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 .. M. Birch 3
4 0 Tiddles (C. Blackwell), Hbt Jones, 8-8 .... G. Duffield 2
5 03 Two Friendly (R. Gibbons), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .. C. Moss 6
6 Vic Fine Homes (S. Oyston), J. Berry, 8-8 .... E. Apter 5
7-4 Supreme Lil, 5-2 Two Friendly, 4-1 Gold Tudor, 5-1 Nippy Lad, 14-1 Vic Fine Homes, 20-1 Tiddles.

2.45 CAPTAIN COOK HANDICAP (£1,335: 1¼m)
1 34100-0 Godlia (A. Sturman), W. Gray, 4-9-11 .... E. Apter 3
3 0030-02 Stephandre (C. H. Newton Jnr Ltd), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-12 C. Eccleston 1
5 4010-00 Pallo (Lt-Col Sir R. Verdin), R. Houghton, 4-8-3 .. J. Reid 2
7 030-120 Jackalla (C-D) (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 4-8-1 .. P. Young 5 7
8 03223-0 Mary Reppin (B. Chambers), C. Crossley, 4-7-13 S. Webster 6
13 44-0203 Miss Posil (P. Irving Ltd), T. Craig, 4-7-7 ...... K. Leason 9
16 34014-0 Fabrica (B) (John Ogden Ltd), M. H. Easterby, 4-7-7 L. C. Parkes 4
17 00000-0 Kenco (Mrs V. Haigh), W. Haigh, 9-7-7 .... R. Still 7
18 03023-0 Gay Twenties (P. Gordon), R. Carter, 4-7-7 .. L. Charnock 10
19 01000-0 Aldie (D) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 12-7-7 .... E. Johnson 8
5-2 Stephandre, 5-1 Jackalla, 5-1 Godlia, 6-1 Pallo, 8-1 Miss Posil, 12-1 Aldie, Mary Reppin, 16-1 others.

3.15 CRATHORNE STAKES (2-y-o: £939: 5f)
5 Diamond Ray (R. Howe), S. Wainwright, 8-11 L. Charnock 2
10 Happy Prince (Mrs J. Connow), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 C. Dwyer 5
12 3 Norton Legend (Maj J. Linley), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 M. Birch 4
13 Oresta (A. Pacitto), J. Calvert, 8-11 .... J. Lowe 1
15 Angall (R. Howe), S. Wainwright, 8-8 .... T. Walsh 6
16 00 Ecstasy (C. Spencer), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .... C. Moss 3
18 30 Langton Creek (R. Graham), J. Skilling, 8-8 ..... J. Seagrave 7
10-11 Norton Legend, 4-1 Happy Prince, 6-1 Angall, 10-1 Diamond Ray, Langton Creek, 14-1 Ecstasy, 20-1 Oresta.

3.45 YARM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £905: 6f)
1 403341- Northern Venture (Mrs D. Roberts), S. Wainwright, 9-4 J. Wainwright 7 9
2 00001- Nice Touch (C) (J. Stainer), R. Hollinshead, 9-1 .... T. Ives 6
3 020020- Sandy May (J. Poulter), I. Walker, 8-10 .... P. Colquhoun 7 10
4 00230- First Lift (Plawsworth Stud Ltd), T. Fairhurst, 8-8 C. Eccleston 14
5 024000- Serikl (Dr C. Norman-Williams), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 M. Birch 3
6 004- Alpine Rose (Mrs A. Carr), C. Thornton, 8-7 .. J. Bleasdale 11
7 000- Classy Dame (G. Morley), J. W. Watts, 8-7 ..... J. Lowe 13
9 00000-1 Precious Petra (D) (R. Nicholson), D. Doyle, 8-6 .. S. Parks 2
10 000-3 Silver Minstrel (W. Bates), A. Hide, 8-2 .... G. Sexton 1
11 3134-02 Legal Miss (J. Hardy), J. Hardy, 7-11 ...... L. Charnock 12
12 23142-0 Mydel Field (R. Hague), J. Berry, 7-10 .... E. Apter 17
13 400-20 Rotlago (M. Daly), A. Dalton, 7-10 .... G. Duffield 1
14 0030-44 Rodshot (A. Barker), C. Booth, 7-8 .... M. Wigham 5 11
15 00001-0 Silver Peggie (A. Barker Excavators Ltd), G. Blum, 7-4 — 8
16 0000-00 *Forza Del Destino (C. Hurt), Mrs. R. Lomas, 7-0 .... —
7-2 Silver Minstrel, 9-2 Legal Miss, 6-1 Precious Petra, 8-1 Rodshot, 10-1 Alpine Rose, Northern Venture, 12-1 Nice Touch, Serikl, 14-1 First Lift, Sandy May, 16-1 others.

4.15 HEMLINGTON STAKES (Maidens: £795: 1½m 115yd)
1 000-0 Briareus (B) (T. Barker), J. Fitzgerald, 4-9-0 .. G. Oldroyd 23
2 00- Brookroyd (Mrs J. Robinson), D. Doyle, 4-9-0 J. Stockton 7
3 400-0 Busling (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 4-9-0 ...... P. Young 5 20
4 400200- Calinago (W. A. Stephenson), W. A. Stephenson, 4-9-0 G. Gray 7 6
5 00400-2 Edmund Burke (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 5-9-0 .. E. Johnson 2
6 First Recruit (J. Wood), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-0 .... T. Ives 12
7 Good Job (Hathaway Roofing Ltd), J. W. Watts, 6-9-0 J. Lowe 17
8 2330-00 Jolly Tripper (R. Boyle Ltd), W. Gray, 4-9-0 .... E. Apter 24
9 4430-00 Lin Slipper (M. Reddan), K. Mitchard, 5-9-0 N. Crowther 3
10 0- Milsson (Mrs L. Freedman), H. Cecil, 4-9-0 ..... M. Kettle 3
11 .300- Parallel (E. Hill), M. Prescott, 4-9-0 .... G. Duffield
13 0000- Sandman (S. McQuillin), W. Atkinson, 5-9-0 .... P. Kelleher 21
14 2 Sharpferbeds (D. Walker), G. Richards, 4-9-0 .... O. Gray
15 00324-0 Snow Baron (B) (N. Phillips), J. Nelson, 4-9-0 .... J. Reid 8
16 0-0 Tilli (B) (A. Cox), B. Richmond, 4-9-0 ...... D. Nicholls 5
19 42000-0 For Hire (J. Crossley), A. Potts, 4-8 11 ...... S. Webster 19
20 00-8 Lisabel (Mrs P. Wells), B. Richmond, 4-8-11 .. J. Bleasdale 11
21 00224-0 Mazurka (J. McNally), J. Skilling, 4-8-11 .... J. Seagrave 14
22 240400- Mummy's Rascal (S. Brown), T. Barnes, 4-8-11 .. G. Sheals 15
24 0-0- Silk Rose (J. Etherton), N. Crump, 4-8-11 .... W. Bentley 13
25 Take My Hand (N. Bycroft), J. Hardy, 4-8-11 .. P. Madden 16
26 4 Waterback Maid (T. Pallister), M. Naughton, 5-8 11 M. Wigham 5 18
27 04030-0 Woolley (M. Geraghty Racing Ltd), J. Bingham, 4-8-11 C. Moss 15
5-2 Edmund Burke, 5-1 Sharpferbeds, 1-1 Snow Baron, 5-1 Milsson, 10-1 Parallel, 12-1 Busling, Good Job, 16-1 others.

4.45 SEAMER STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o maidens: £787: 1m)
4 Brilston (K. Lowe), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 .... C. Dwyer 1
6 By-Blow (Lt-Col J. Scott), N. Crump, 9-0 .... W. Bentley 4
18 Irish Image (E. Brown), J. Etherington, 9-0 .... J. Seagrave 6
25 004-0 Northern Magic (Qualitair Engineering Ltd), J. Hindley, 9-0 A. Kimberley 10
27 Potshot (Lord H. de Walden), E. Weymes, 9 0 .. A. Tippling 14
31 2020-32 Richard (Mrs B. Bayston), T. Fairhurst, 9-0 .... C. Eccleston 9
33 02004-2 Shipowner (J. Tyerman), Denys Smith, 9-0 .... L. Charnock 8
34 000- Shola (Mrs H. Kattral), M. W. Easterby, 9-0 ..... E. Moss 13
35 000000- Stane Tip (S. Johnson), J. Skilling, 9-0 .... T. O'Ryan 7
36 4040-00 Steve Lauso (Mrs J. Hardy), J. Hardy, 9-0 .... P. Madden
37 0000- Sunset Crest (T. Kelso), W. Haigh, 9-0 .... T. Ives 15
44 Concern (Maj M. Wyatt), M. Prescott, 8-11 .... G. Duffield 11
47 034-0 Knock Wood (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-11 .... E. Johnson 12
50 00000-0 Princely Girl (B), (R. Howe), S. Wainwright, 8-11 T. Walsh 3
52 0-0 Saramir (Mrs S. Lynam), A. Potts, 8 11 .... P. Young 3
Evens Northern Magic, 3-1 Richard, 9-2 Knock Wood, 6-1 Shipowner, 14-1 Steve Lauso, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.45 Safety Measure. 2.1 Two Friendly. 2.45 Jackalla. 3.15 Norton Legend. 3.45 Nice Touch. 4.15 Edmund Burke. 4.45 Northern Magic.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Safety Measure. 2.45 Jackalla. 3.45 Rotingo. 4.15 Milsson. 4.45 Northern Magic.

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PARLIAMENT, April 26, 1978

Lord Home says Russia should be told not to interfere in Rhodesia: responsibility rests with Britain

House of Lords

Britain's interest in southern Africa went beyond her constitutional responsibility for Rhodesia and membership of the United Nations, **Lord Carrington**, Leader of the Opposition Peers, said in opening a debate on the problems of the area.

It would not be sensible to ignore the economic interest which Britain and free world in general had in the future of southern Africa, he said. The minerals in that continent constituted a large part of the reserves of the free world and in certain circumstances could be at risk.

In the light of the Russians' avowed intentions in Africa, the West could not leave unaltered its policy towards the Soviet Union. The West was interested in the area for strategic reasons, because of the vital importance of the Cape Route.

The problems of Namibia might be the most immediately dangerous. There were two sides, each with support, competing for power. It was not for Britain to make up the minds of the Namibian people as to how they should vote. Some people feared the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) would introduce a one-party Marxist state, but the leaders to whom he had talked had shown no evidence of that, and seemed genuinely to wish for a multiracial society.

It seemed the South African agreement put the West under an obligation. The General Assembly was on record as advocating further economic sanctions against South Africa. This should be resisted strongly not just because the consequences of sanctions were catastrophic for everybody. The world economic situation was difficult enough without adding gratuitously to it.

Sanctions were not the proper way of bringing pressure, or easy to enforce. The West would be on a slippery slope if it was prepared to use a weapon of that kind in this sort of situation.

In Rhodesia, Dr Owen was right in seeking to asociate the Patriotic Front with the internal settlement for without that international acceptance of the new country would be much more difficult to achieve, and it would be immeasurably more difficult to organize an election which would be seen by the outside world to be free, fair and without intimidation.

It must be said that there had been inadequate recognition of the remarkable achievement of the internal settlement and too much support for its opponents. Not long ago Mr Ian Smith was saying no majority rule in 1,000 years, and no one man one vote at any price.

It was difficult to see why Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe would not associate themselves with the settlement: they might not like every aspect of the proposed constitution, but they could negotiate before the election took place to change it.

If in the end the Patriotic Front refused to be associated with a settlement which was in accordance with the conditions laid down for independence by both Conservative and Labour governments, if these two leaders insisted upon force as the only means of settling the issue, there was only one honourable course for the British Government to take and that was to support the internal settlement however difficult that might be.

Lord Gladwyn (L) said the only hope of avoiding what must some day be a bloody solution in South Africa must lay in the gradual reform of apartheid.

He did not favour imposing direct economic sanctions at present. On the other hand there was such a thing as dis-investment by British companies. That would be the path of wisdom and would put gradual pressure on the Republic.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said he hoped the internal agreement in Rhodesia would be welcomed as a first step towards establishing a multiracial, democratic Rhodesia.

All efforts to encourage those who stood apart from the present agreement to reconsider their participation should be welcomed. They should reaffirm support for the introduction of a number of specialized personnel from outside Rhodesia to assist in the reorganization of the armed forces and the police.

They should support international machinery to supervise and monitor any test of Rhodesian public opinion.

The South African Government maintained that it supported the preservation of human rights, but many questions posed themselves.

We in the West (he said) cannot allow the death of Steve Biko to be forgotten, not at least until the facts are known and some reparation, however necessarily inadequate, is made by the introduction of legislation which would make the repetition of such a monstrous action impossible.

Lord McGregor of Durris, in a maiden speech, said that as an external examiner he had been a regular visitor for the last 10 years to the University of Rhodesia in Salisbury.

The university had retained its autonomy and met the challenges of legal, financial, and social pressures without sacrificing its commitment to either freedom of inquiry or multiracial principles.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C) said the first rule in these modern times must be the repudiation of the use of force to achieve a political aim. Modern war was totally destructive of order and had nearly destroyed order in Europe; it would certainly totally destroy order in the turbulent continent of Africa.

On the evidence of the contemporary scene Africans could be condemning themselves to a state of civil war which could last for 50 or 100 years.

Somehow the Africans must save themselves with the help of those who wanted to see a peaceful continent. The Soviet Union was not concerned for the welfare of the Africans in Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, or Rhodesia. With a horrible cynicism the Soviet leaders had made a cold blooded calculation that the Africans, still blinded by the smoke of colonialism, would receive the Cubans as liberators.

There was nothing more cold blooded and crude than that.

Unless the Africans drew the correct lesson they would find themselves subjected to a new dominion in which human rights and freedom meant nothing at all.

In Rhodesia they were faced with a new prospect by Mr Smith's action which had dramatically reversed previous attitudes to African majority rule.

Why were there hesitations and doubts? Dr Owen had said bleakly and bluntly that the Salisbury agreement would not work. It was a cold douche to those who had sought the Salisbury agreement and it was made even more icy by Mr Andrew Young's reception.

The reason was that Dr Owen and Mr Young wanted to bring Mr Nkomo into the settlement because that was the way most likely to end the war. But in acting as they had at the start of the agreement in Salisbury they inevitably created the impression that in their view Salisbury should make the concessions to Mr Nkomo and his army and concessions to force and communism.

That put Dr Owen and Mr Young on the wrong side. Mr Nkomo's return should be one who came in peace to be elected to his share of leadership, not one under the direction of a foreign power, seeking political domination by force.

The United Nations put the responsibility for the future of Rhodesia on to the British Parliament. It was therefore Parliament's responsibility and no one else's, and Russia should be told plainly that Britain would not tolerate intervention in a country for whose future the responsibility lay with her. (Cheers.)

Combating Soviet and Cuban influence in Africa

House of Commons

There was little point in Britain going to the Security Council over Soviet and Cuban activity in the Horn and other parts of Africa if the whole African group was against her, **Dr David Owen**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C) had asked if Dr Owen would raise at the United Nations the continuing presence of Soviet and Cuban military personnel in Angola and Ethiopia as a potential threat to world peace.

Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab)—The Government have made clear their concern at the scale and nature of Soviet and Cuban military involvement in Africa and share the view of the OAU that disputes within Africa should be settled by African states themselves.

We have made it clear that we believe the Security Council could play a helpful role provided there were sufficient international backing to make it effective.

Mr Rifkind—Does he seriously doubt that if 17,000 British or American troops had been in Angola or Ethiopia this would have been raised in the United Nations months ago as a threat to world peace?

Brave speeches at Mansion House banquets are no justification for not raising the matter at the United Nations.

Dr Owen—A sovereign country is entitled to ask others in to defend its borders and we have to make a distinction between the presence of Cubans in Ethiopia in relation to Somalia and any involvement of Cubans in the internal issues of Ethiopia involved in Eritrea. In that case I have said clearly it would be unjustified.

But it is a dangerous precedent to establish that no sovereign nation can invite troops in

Mr Tom Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab)—At a recent meeting in this building, with an all-party group of MPs, the Cuban ambassador made clear that should Ethiopian troops set foot outside the territory of Ethiopia the Cubans would withdraw all military personnel from Ethiopia, just as Cuba did from Somalia when Somalian troops invaded Ethiopia.

Dr Owen—I have received that assurance and I am grateful that there has been no major territorial incursion across the Somali-Ethiopia border.

But the Cubans have to recognize that hitherto they have been supporting the Eritrean freedom fighters and it would be a major change of policy if they suddenly involved themselves in military disputes.

I detect they are having discussions with the Eritreans—I see it reported in Havana—and I hope they will use influence to mediate towards a negotiated settlement.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—I have just returned from Namibia. Now that the South African Government have accepted the Western plan for Namibia, will the Western powers press the Soviet Union to use their undoubted influence with Swapo, who operate from Angolan bases, so that Swapo should also accept the Western plan and renounce their policy of intimidation by assassination?

Dr Owen—I welcome the South African decision and I hope this is followed by Swapo. Angola has throughout played a constructive role in the discussions. They obviously made no secret that they support Swapo, but indicated that they would like a negotiated settlement. That is hopeful.

Mr Bruce Grocott (Lichfield and Tamworth, Lab)—Faced with increasingly bellicose noises from the Conservatives about Soviet troops in various countries, does Dr Owen ever get concrete suggestions from them as to how they should be removed?

Dr Owen—It is important to keep the whole question in proportion. I am worried about the efforts of Soviet troops in Africa, and the ability to switch the balance of power in Africa rapidly, as happened in the Horn of Africa. On the other hand, we have to recognize that they have the right to be in Africa as we do.

What I object to is that Soviet influence in Africa and other parts of the world is not devoted to the welfare of the citizens through development and humanitarian aid but that a large portion of their financial effort and backing is through military supplies.

Mr Richard Luce, an Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Shoreham, C)—I support his Mansion House speech when he condemned destructive Soviet and Cuban military intervention in Africa but it is deeds rather than words which will carry credibility with the Soviet Union.

What action do the British Government propose to take, particularly in the light of President Brezhnev's speech recently in which he said Soviet military intervention in Africa would be stepped up, to expose at the United Nations the nature of the Soviet and Cuban threat to international peace in the Horn of Africa and other parts of Africa?

Dr Owen—One can go to the United Nations but there is little point in going to the Security Council, which is what we envisaged over the Ethiopian and Somalian dispute, if you have the whole African group against you. The OAU played a useful role in mediating between Ethiopia and Somalia.

But we have to keep this whole question in proportion. Our best way of combating Soviet and Cuban influence in Africa is not to put ourselves in the wrong and not to do what many Tories wanted me to do, to support Somalia when they put their troops into the Ogaden.

China visit by Chief of Defence Staff

The Chief of Defence Staff will pay an official visit to China from April 27 to May 3, the first visit by a United Kingdom CDS to China, **Dr David Owen**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during questions. He added—We hope to have a broad exchange of views on defence matters.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab)—Can Dr Owen assure us that he will do everything possible to improve our relationships with China but not at the expense of our relationship with the Soviet Union? (Interruptions.)

Dr Owen—It is certainly not in the interests of this country to make such a dramatic shift in our policy that it would alienate the second most powerful country in the world. But I do not think the Soviet Union would have any standing in intervening in our willingness to improve our relationships with China.

We will make our decisions on that relationship on their merits and what is in this country's interests.

London being considered for new centre

The Government were considering with the commodity organizations a proposal for a world commodity centre to be established in London, **Mr Evan Luard**, Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Oxford, Lab) said.

Mrs Lynda Chalker (Wallasey, C)—Other European countries are actively encouraging new commodity organizations to set up in their capitals. We shall have to offer incentives to persuade this organization to come to Britain.

Mr Luard—We are very much aware that other countries are anxious to attract these organizations to their capitals.

This is an important and imaginative idea. That is why we have been having discussions with the heads of the organizations about it. We hope to reach conclusions shortly.

He added—One of our assets is that London is an attractive centre for these organizations because it is an important commercial centre and the centre for commodity markets.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30, Finance Bill, second reading. Trustee Savings Bank Bill, remaining stages.

House of Lords

Today at 3: European Assembly Elections Bill, report stage. Conservation of Wild Creatures and Wild Plants (Amendment) Bill, report. Solomon Islands Independence Bill, second reading. Debate on powers of officials to enter premises.

More optimistic climate this year for disarmament measures

Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said he believed that 1978 would see a Salt 2 agreement and a comprehensive test ban agreement. He would be hopeful there would be progress in the mutual balanced forced reduction talks in Vienna.

Mr Hugh Jenkins (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab) had asked if in view of President Carter's decision to defer development of the neutron bomb Dr Owen would make it his policy that in no circumstances would the Government consent to the storing or deployment of neutron bombs in Britain.

Dr Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, Lab)—President Carter has made it clear that his ultimate decision will depend on how the Russians respond to his call for them to show restraint in their arms programmes and force deployments.

The Government support this position. No question of storing or deploying the neutron bomb therefore arises at this time.

Mr Jenkins—I am glad to hear that. Many Labour MPs will agree that he will be encouraged to resist Opposition pressure to agree to the development of the neutron bomb which would only have disastrous results leading to national suicide and the possible end of European civilization.

If the Soviet Union, depressed by President Carter's response that their decision not to proceed with the bomb is not a matter of significance, were to decide to develop it, this would be regarded as a matter of considerable significance.

Dr Owen—I do not share his view about the significance of the neutron bomb. It is a development of an existing weapons system.

It was a balanced judgment and the right one not to deploy it at this time, because the Soviet Union has attached a great deal of importance to it, although I think much of this was propaganda. The fact that they had meant that we had to take it into account in creating the right climate for disarmament this year with the United Nations special session.

I hope it will contribute to improving the climate for disarmament.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie (Chertsey and Walton, C)—Is it not odd that Labour MPs who are campaigning against the neutron bomb are campaigning against a smaller, cleaner nuclear weapon? Can we infer that they are in favour of bigger, dirtier nuclear weapons?

The neutron bomb is an anti-tank weapon, so there is no question of its being deployed in the United Kingdom.

Dr Owen—The main military argument for deploying the neutron bomb is that it would deter a concentration of tanks. The arguments on clean and dirty bombs are more difficult.

None of us wants to see nuclear weapons deployed, but we have to recognize they are part of our system of deterrence. While they are, we want to look at the modernization of our weapons system.

At this time a qualitative or quantitative increase in nuclear weapons is to be avoided.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—The possession of a neutron bomb might by its nature imply that we were committed to the first use of nuclear weapons.

Dr Owen—He has put his finger on the main argument against the neutron bomb: the question of whether it would reduce the nuclear threshold. It is a serious argument.

I personally think that the question of first use of nuclear weapons is a delicate decision which would only ever be taken under strict political control.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C)—Have the European powers adequately expressed their view to the United States on this major subject, bearing in mind that the neutron bomb represents a potentially highly important defence weapon against the overwhelming build-up of conventional armaments by the Soviet Union on the central European front? As such it directly affects the interests of Europeans.

Have he and his European colleagues adequately pressed on the United States their view of the importance of this weapon?

Dr Owen—There was the closest consultation on this over quite a long period of months. The final decision was taken by the President, as it was inevitably right he should do. In taking it he has been influenced by the feeling that there was a more optimistic climate for disarmament measures.

I share that optimism. I believe that 1978 will see a Salt 2 agreement and a comprehensive test ban agreement and I would be hopeful that we would have progress in the MBFR talks in Vienna.

Inner city offices and shops to be helped

When the report stage of the Inner Urban Areas Bill began, **Mr Guy Barnett**, Under Secretary for the Environment (Greenwich, Lab) moved a Government new clause (Declaration of, and changes in, industrial improvement areas) which would separate the definition of an industrial improvement area and the two types of assistance which could be given in those areas.

The new clause was considered with another Government new clause dealing with grants for converting or improving buildings, and some related amendments.

Mr Barnett said the Government had concluded that as long as an industrial improvement area was concerned mainly with industry it was reasonable to provide for grants to be paid for works on any industrial or commercial building. This would cover offices, shops and service trades as well as manufacturing industry. This emphasized the Government's concern that all forms of employment should be assisted and encouraged in these areas.

Some of the proposed changes would make possible the exercise of powers by county councils as well as district authorities. Inner city policy was founded on the principle of cooperation between different levels of government—central government and county and district authorities.

Mr Michael Alison (Barkston Ash, C), for the Opposition, said the reinstatement of the county authorities in relation to these powers was important.

Mrs Barbara Castle (Blackburn, Lab) said the extended provisions made designation even more valuable. The Secretary of State had said on second reading that he visualized that a number of other districts with serious problems of urban decay would also be designated. They had not yet had the further statement promised.

Mr Anthony Steen (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) said the Government should look again at the definition of the criteria upon which help was being given because they might be making wrong decisions.

Mr Mike Thomas (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Lab) said the new clause contained a welcome change by the Government in ending discrimination they had seen against the commercial and retail sector.

Mr Guy Barnett said that a list of designated districts would be issued as soon as possible.

The new clause was agreed to.

Interest relief: Mr Guy Barnett moved a new clause (Grants towards loan interest) to enable partnership local authorities to help firms which took out loans in designated areas to expand or buy their premises, to make interest relief grants to them provided they have less than 50 employees.

He said such firms would have to be trading in the partnership areas for a minimum of 12 months before becoming eligible.

The new clause was agreed to.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East, Lab) moved a new clause which, he said, would enable a designated district authority to assist people wishing to set up a cooperative or common ownership enterprise by a grant or loan.

Mr Reginald Eyre (Birmingham, Hall Green, C), for the Opposition, said they would not accept any form of discrimination in favour of these organizations which led to any kind of unfair competition. Subject to acceptance of that principle, they welcomed any form of organization which would encourage the development of initiative and responsibility and the creation of new products and new jobs in these urban areas.

Mr Robert Cryer, Under Secretary for Industry (Keighley, Lab) said he was happy to accept the principle behind this clause, but it would be necessary to consider the drafting and to insert provisions like those in other clauses of the Bill to enable the local authority to impose conditions, for example, to ensure that the money was used for the purpose applied for.

If the clause was withdrawn, he would undertake that the Government would introduce their own clause embodying the same principle when the Bill reached the House of Lords.

The new clause was withdrawn.

Petty restrictions should cease

The Earl of Lytton said he would support efforts to incorporate the support of the Patriotic Front in the existing internal arrangements, but not in any circumstances at the expense of incorporating terrorists as part of the security forces. If that was done, the terrorists would swallow up the rest like a boa constrictor.

Lord Walston (Lab) said that what the people of Rhodesia wanted was peace, freedom from fear and hunger, to be able to cultivate their fields without the threat of being shot or bombed, and for their children to go to school and to grow up without the threat of kidnapping or warfare.

The Earl of Onslow (C) said the Government should find out if the internal settlement really fitted in with the six principles. Prima facie, it looked as though it did. The general election was a reasonable time off and all the time conditions for it were getting worse.

They must not in any circumstances listen to lectures on freedom from the incompetent thugs who ran Mozambique propped up with Russian bayonets.

Lord Plunket, who said he had lived in Rhodesia for 20 years, said there were right-wing elements in that country who were trying to sabotage what had so far been achieved.

Lord Milford (Comm) said Mr Smith's main importance was now mainly as a tool for white imperialist strategy, which was to prevent liberation movements realizing their true aims—the determination to win a completely new society free from any colonial domination.

Viscount Mills (C) said Britain and the United States needed to build up an anti-communist block of as many countries as possible. The time had come when they must do a necessary deal with South Africa. They needed to give South Africa intensive and far-reaching economic and strategic support in exchange for real progress in the reduction of racialist policies.

Lord Garner said it seemed important that Mr Smith should be retained in the interim setup. He still had an important part to play both in encouraging the Europeans to support the settlement and in maintaining their morale in the early days of the new setup which were bound to be difficult for them.

Lord Vernon said what forced Mr Smith to negotiate was not the victories of the Patriotic Front; there had been no victories, but the collapse of Portuguese rule in Mozambique and the impossibility of defending such a long frontier.

Lord Brockway (Lab) said the South African Government was the only government in the world which boasted of apartheid and acclaimed it as its philosophy.

Lord Goodman said there was no hope for Rhodesia unless the internal settlement was supported. To suggest the present agreement would be modified by the people who had negotiated it at such pains and in such detail and that they were going to accept major revisions and variations at this stage was totally unrealistic. It would not happen.

If adequate support is not given it soon enough (he said) it may well collapse. This would leave a state of total anarchy and beyond help.

One should recognize the achievement of the agreement. The white Rhodesians had made an historic gesture and should be given the credit for it. Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, was a man who *at this moment deserved well of* all. It should be said that in reserving his judgment on this matter he had behaved with a wisdom and understanding that was perhaps beyond his years.

The House must recognize how crucial this agreement was not only to Rhodesia but to southern Africa. He regarded the present government in South Africa as despicable—a government beyond redemption—but the fact remained that it was the government.

You cannot envisage a situation (he went on) in which seven million people are involved in war and catastrophe without recognizing that the consequences of this to the whole world are incalculable and cannot be exaggerated.

If a settlement was established in Rhodesia in which white Africans, particularly the Afrikaners, could see that it was possible for a government to be established where the black man lived in harmony with the white man and the white man was in no danger, this could have an immeasurable effect on the situation in South Africa and was the only remediable possibility that existed.

Democracy was about to come if the agreement was implemented. There was no other sensible alternative choice. No other hope existed.

If this agreement is discarded and is not implemented and the elections do not take place (he said), what is one to hope for except the continuing guerrilla war to which certainly the bishop and his triumvirate will not submit without armed resistance over a long period? The hope for peace in Rhodesia is the hope for this internal settlement.

He agreed wholly with *The Times* leading article on the day the agreement was announced.

He did not think sanctions should be raised at this moment. But he urged the Government to consider whether the petty restrictions and irritations and minor cruelties now inflicted on Rhodesians need be pursued. The Rhodesians had conceded everything they had asked.

That we cannot (he said) lift sanctions is unfortunately an international situation that has to be met. But why it should be impossible for a Rhodesian to come here to receive medical treatment, to visit his relatives, seems to me an unnecessary and gratuitous cruelty. (Cheers.)

He asked the minister to consider whether in this situation it would not be more encouragement to everybody to indicate, whatever the outcome, that these petty restrictions would no longer endure.

There would be serious and significant dangers when the election took place. The widest possible press corps should be urged to visit Rhodesia and be available to report the election. Rhodesians would be given confidence if the world was watching to see what happened, and this would be a move towards democracy.

The people of Rhodesia, black and white, had suffered untold hardships and difficulties over the years. They deserved as good as Britain could give. Mr Smith had demonstrated he was a man capable of changing his mind. There was not another white Rhodesian leader who could have brought white Rhodesia into this agreement or continued to lead them. Until the agreement was fulfilled, Mr Smith had a role to play.

When history came to be written, someone would have to consider that Mr Smith was a remarkable man who stood his ground. If this agreement came about and the two guerrilla leaders could be persuaded to join in the elections, there seemed to be some hope that Rhodesia had a future. The whole of southern Africa and to a large extent the peaceful future of great parts of the world depended on decisions they made on this matter.

Lord Avebury (L) said unless Britain provided more material aid as well as disengaging herself economically from the apartheid regime the blacks might well continue to believe that Britain's priority was first and foremost the investments she had in southern Africa rather than the attempt to secure for others the freedoms Britain herself enjoyed.

Would proposal have made station buffets centres for gourmets or motorway cafés?

Mr Giles Shaw (Pudsey, C) was refused leave, by 164 votes to 135—majority 29, to bring in a Bill to denationalize catering facilities provided by British Transport Hotels Ltd for British Rail.

He said that recently British Rail had shown a much greater sensitivity to the necessity to improve the standards and performance of catering in stations, buffets and on trains. But it remained a principle, not easily bucked, that British Rail primarily existed to run efficient rail services with much greater emphasis on track, trains, and engineering services than efficient kitchen and dining cars or a wider variety of food in station buffets.

Catering was very much the Cinderella of British Rail. Catering on the trains and stations ran at a substantial loss.

The Bill would relieve British Rail of responsibility for catering and encourage the trend of franchizing, which was not new but established through 55 catering units in the hands of tenants at various stations.

The station buffets instead of offering fairly unappetizing meals could be made centres for gourmets as some were in Europe. The public deserved the best catering available when they travelled.

British Rail showed a clear tendency to concentrate on expense account diners rather than the travelling family.

The Bill would be in the interests of British Rail by seeking to eliminate the losses on catering and also of the travelling public who would benefit from lower prices and wider choice as a result competition. The station buffet could become a source of local interest and pride.

Opposing the Bill, **Mr Richard Buchanan** (Glasgow, Springburn, Lab) said that one of British Rail's greatest handicaps in catering was that they could never really estimate the need.

Extensive and expensive reinvestment in dining cars and kitchens was needed. Many Labour MPs had long advocated that there should be considerable reinvestment in British Rail.

The staff of Travellers Fare, a subsidiary of British Rail Hotels, did a magnificent job, in cramped and difficult conditions.

Who, in private enterprise, would take on rail catering? There was one claimant: Sir Charles Forte who had hoisted himself into the top 10 by making a £25,000 contribution to Tory Party funds.

He wondered whether it was entirely accidental that Sir Charles Forte had staked his claim on the day Egon Ronay had produced his report on motorway cafeterias.

He would hate to find at Glasgow Central or Euston what Egon Ronay had found in some motorway cafes. At Newport Pagnell there had been indefensible neglect, badly worn carpets, dirty seats, and sluggish table clearing.

Nor would I appreciate looking for lunch, dinner or snack in a dining car (he said) and finding the sausages inedible, the fish stale, hamburgers tough, and carrots watery. Those were among the more complimentary remarks.

That was what Mr Shaw wanted on British Rail. Sir Charles Forte had a monumental task in cleaning up his own organization and motorway cafes.

Ceasefire the crucial element missing in Rhodesia settlement

Removal of United Nations sanctions against Rhodesia would not be justified on its merits, **Dr David Owen**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Speaking of his recent talks with Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, Dr Owen said: We are in complete agreement concerning our joint policy towards Rhodesia and will continue to work closely together in our efforts to achieve a negotiated settlement.

Mr Kenneth Lewis (Rutland and Stamford, C)—Previously I was not opposed to sanctions but now is it not time for the Government and the Foreign Secretary to take an initiative at the United Nations to get sanctions removed in order to give support to the multiracial government there, and especially in view of the fact that there is need for a counter balance against the forces that are surrounding Rhodesia?

Dr Owen—I do not think it would be wise to do so. Apart from anything else it would not be accepted by other member states. I do not think it would be justified on its merits.

That issue would have to be faced if we were satisfied that the fifth principle had been carried out, that there had been a transfer of power, that the new government had been elected and independence established.

In these circumstances, we would have to decide whether to recognize and whether to lift sanctions.

Mr Stanley Newens (Harlow, Lab)—The internal settlement was only brought about by the Smith regime as a result of pressure brought to bear by the Patriotic Front. It would be a recipe for continuing war and disaster in southern Africa for us to withdraw sanctions or go any way towards recognition of that so-called internal settlement.

Dr Owen—A number of pressures have brought about the movement which has taken place, of which regrettably the need for armed fighting and continuation of armed fighting has been a factor.

We should not underestimate the effects of the United Nations sanctions. After 12 years they, too, have begun to bite.

I agree we should pursue a negotiated settlement. It is possible to achieve this on the basis of a United Nations presence, on the basis of a neutral administration and on fair and free elections.

What has happened in Namibia in the last day gives me some ground for hoping we might be able to achieve the same sort of agreement in Rhodesia.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C)—While applauding Dr Owen's and Mr Vance's efforts to secure a peaceful solution in Rhodesia, does he not realize his persistent commitment to the Anglo-American plan is bound to undermine the potential fruition of the settlement reached between Mr Smith and the three black leaders?

Could he give some kind of support to ensure that that which represents by far the most likely system to bring peace to that country will be carried forward with help and not hindrance? (Conservative cheers.)

Dr Owen—It is not my job to hinder anyone. My job is to try to seek a wider measure of agreement. One way to achieve that is to bring about a ceasefire.

I keep coming back to this issue because that is the crucial element missing in the internal settlement. That requires all nationalist leaders to try to negotiate.

Without it there would be continued conflict, it would be much harder to hold fair and free elections, much harder to get international acceptance and much harder for Zimbabwe to be a prosperous, independent country.

Both sides in Cyprus urged to negotiate

While he did not believe there was a movement yet towards a settlement on Cyprus, both sides should start negotiations even if they were entered upon without much optimism, **Dr David Owen**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said.

Mrs Lena Jeger (Camden, Holborn and St Pancras, South, Lab)—Can he say more about the consultations he has had with his EEC colleagues on Cyprus.

Dr Owen—It is discussed. I do not rule out that we may feel it right to take some action at some stage but the main responsibility now, and it is difficult, rests on the Secretary General of the United Nations in deciding whether to call another meeting on inter-communal talks on the basis of proposals the Turkish Government have put forward.

I do not hide from the House that I do not believe, as yet, that we are approaching what is an eventual settlement but I think both sides should hesitate seriously before they refuse to discuss the matter because there is little advantage in international affairs by refusing to discuss or go to the negotiating table.

Senior officer may go to Salisbury

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said the Government's policy on southern Africa rested on firm and widely shared principles. They sought peaceful resolutions of the problems of the region. They did not accept that anybody who turned to violence in order to assert his case should somehow have an entitlement to a major part in the settlement.

The Government recognized and supported African independence and the search for African solutions to African problems. Dr Owen had made it absolutely clear to the governments of the Soviet Union and Cuba how Britain regarded the later manifestations of their presence and their activity in Africa.

It did seem that the western proposals for Namibia, which were put forward towards the end of March, were attracting effective support.

The statement made by the South African Foreign Minister, Mr Botha, yesterday was quite clear. South Africa had accepted the western proposals for Namibia. There were points of detail but he did not think these need impede the programme of implementation which now seemed to be within their grasp.

Looking back over the past three years there had been perceptible movement on apartheid in South Africa, in some cases substantial movement. It was a good policy before taking strong and dr stic action to pause and consider whether economic and other connexions with South Africa might not be used to promote and accelerate that movement. Perhaps it was by pressure of connexion *rather than disconnexion that they* could hope to influence such situations.

On Rhodesia, even if the Government were to agree that the Salisbury arrangement was quite what it had been made out to be there remained the very important question: Was it durable on the basis only of the present participants? It might be, but he did not think any government or foreign secretary would be justified in taking that chance because if it did not come off the only alternative would be the worst kind of civil war.

The Government believed that it was not only worth while but essential that they persist in their efforts to convene a fully participative meeting of everybody involved in the Rhodesia problem. Britain would press the western proposals on Namibia in the Security Council and expected they would be approved as proposals that all sides accepted. They did not know exactly what the reaction of Swapo would be, but hoped it would be favourable.

I am (he said) not without hope it will. Putting myself in their place, I would say this is almost exactly what I wanted. We will persist with the plan even in the face of rejection by one or other of the parties because it is truly the answer to the question.

Regarding the attitude of the Soviet Union, they had been negotiating within the terms of the Security Council resolution. They had been careful to put together a package which was firmly within the terms of the resolution and therefore by definition acceptable to any other member of the Security Council.

What would be surprising would be for any member to veto what was seen to be completely in line with the intentions of the United Nations.

The Government were prepared to consider sending a senior officer to Salisbury. There was no decision as yet, but this was certainly a possibility and one being constantly considered.

The debate was concluded.

New peers

Lord Soames, formerly Sir Christopher Soames, and Lord Evans of Claughton, formerly Mr Gruffyd Evans, President of the Liberal Party, were introduced.

Fraudulent requests for death certificates

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Social Services, asked to review the procedures for issuing copies of birth certificates and death certificates to prevent fraudulent applications being made for certificates of dead people for illegal purposes, said:

Under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953, any member of the public has the right to search the indexes to the records of births and deaths and to have a certified copy of any entry in those records on payment of the prescribed fee.

The law neither requires the person to state his reason for wishing to have a certificate nor authorizes the Registrar General or a local superintendent registrar to refuse to supply it. The issue of a birth certificate cannot be restricted to the person whose name is entered on it, nor can the issue of either a birth or death certificate be limited to members of the family concerned.

The Registrar General has no evidence of any widespread abuse of these provisions and there is no intention at present to seek amendment of the law.

To take away the right of members of the public to have a certified copy of any entry in which they may have an interest would cause serious inconvenience to people who need such certificates for a variety of legitimate purposes.

To compel every applicant to show cause for requiring a certificate would also inconvenience the public and if all applications had to be investigated on that basis this would involve very substantial increases in staff.

If a person who obtains a certificate decides to use it for illegal purposes any offence committed is a matter for the police or other body concerned with the particular offence.

Mr Thomas Torney (Bradford, South, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs would review procedures of obtaining passports with a view to stopping the practice of forging passports by using the name of persons deceased.

Mr Evan Luard, Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in a written reply, said—Passport issuing procedures, including those for confirming an applicant's identity, are regularly reviewed. The Foreign Secretary is satisfied that no further practical safeguards against abuse can be introduced without unacceptable inconvenience and delay.

Over a million standard passports and almost as many British visitors' passports are issued annually. There is no evidence of widespread abuse.

Dust needs to settle in Middle East—Dr Owen

The time was not right for an initiative on the conflict between the Arabs and Israel, **Dr David Owen**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said at question time. The dust needed to settle.

Mr Robert Hicks (Bodmin, C) had asked—In view of the talks European leaders have had with governments of the Arab states and Israel following the recent European summit and the difficulties the Americans seem to be having, is it not now appropriate for a major European initiative to bring the whole subject back into the international arena?

Dr Owen—Activism in international affairs is easy to undertake but there are times when it is easier to let these issues be resolved by careful thought.

It is well known that there is major international disagreement. It is in the interpretation of Resolution 242 and whether or not it applies to all three fronts, the West Bank, Sinai and the Golan Heights. In this Government's judgment it was always intended to apply to all three fronts and until that is resolved it is difficult to get into serious negotiations.

Mr David Watkins (Consett, Lab)—We have all been waiting for 30 years for the dust to settle and there is no evidence that it will.

Will he advise his EEC colleagues, in view of their countries' great commercial involvement in the Middle East, to concentrate more on a positive political approach to the cause of peace?

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Heroism and endurance

Captive of Time: My Years with Pasternak
by Olga Ivinskaya
translated from the Russian with an introduction by Max Hayward
(Collins/Harvill Press. £7.50)

Although Plato says that unsuitable poets should be banished from the Ideal Republic, after annointing them with myrrh and crowning them" ... he does not specify what should happen to their lovers and their friends. Olga Ivinskaya's remarkable Memoirs completed in 1972, first published in Russian this year by Hayward, Paris) suggest that in the Ideal Republic of the Soviet Union at least, their destined role is to be persecuted together with, and sometimes more deviously in place of, the writer to whom they have given their loyalty and support in preference to the dictates of the State, or *Pravda*, or the Writers' Union, or the leathercoated gentleman with red identity cards who call suddenly, uninvited, before dawn.

It presents, in peculiarly detailed and unanswerable form, the issue of civil liberties and freedom of expression in Russia, and poses what is indeed, I think, a philosophical problem (but let us hope, also, an increasingly historical one). How a great nation could remain wedded for so long to those parts of its ideological system which reject the very proofs and expressions—however wayward, however unsuitable"—of its own native genius. For such a proof, such a wonderful expression, surely was Pasternak.

Madame Ivinskaya (a colourful lady, born in Kursk and twice married) was a young and obviously gorgeous editorial assistant at *Novy Mir* when she met and fell in love with Boris Pasternak in 1946, at a time when he was just beginning *Dr Zhivago*. She remained close to him until his death in 1960, also working as his co-translator and literary representative. She eventually set up house in a small *dacha* on the other side of the Izmalkovo lake, at the Writers' colony south of Moscow, where Pasternak wrote and lived with his wife and family. On most days Pasternak would cross the floating wooden bridge from the "big house" to his alternative menage with Madame Ivinskaya and her daughter Irina, and their circle of mildly raffish friends, students, young writers, and in the dangerous days, foreign publishing agents and newspaper correspondents.



The young Olga Ivinskaya

It was Ivinskaya who had to pay for these intolerable liberties. First, in 1949, she was suddenly arrested and condemned to four years hard labour in one of Stalin's camps, for "close contact with persons suspected of espionage". Her vivid account of this, and especially her interrogation which involved endless probing of Pasternak's written and unwritten opinions (and also incidentally caused the miscarriage of their child, after she had been locked up "by oversight" in the prison mortuary) forms one of the most dramatic and harrowing setpieces of the book, reminiscent at moments of certain passages in *Darkness at Noon*.

Then in 1958, she was hounded with Pasternak over the award of the Nobel Prize (which he had accepted, and then refused), and she was cunningly manipulated by members of the Cultural Department of the Central Committee to get Pasternak to sign the two famous letters of "recantation" (which so appalled Solzhenitsyn) to Khrushchev and *Pravda*. Her record of this is both frank and pathetic, including a nightmarish scene in which Pasternak, the great survivor, appears at the *dacha* brandishing Nembural tablets and suggesting a suicide pact.

Finally, six weeks after his death, Ivinskaya was arrested on currency charges connected with the foreign royalties for *Dr Zhivago*, and although she had clearly broken exchange regulations (under Pasternak's apparently signed but confidential orders to his Italian publisher, Feltrinelli), she was treated with grotesque severity, publically vilified as an "adventuress" who had "led astray" an old man into reactionary views (perhaps, it was suggested, she had even written *Dr Zhivago* herself?) and secretly tried and condemned to eight years in forced labour camps. Her daughter Irina was also condemned for three years for complicity.

Madame Ivinskaya is, in every sense, an incorrigible narrator, nothing daunted by her experiences. She does not always strike me, however, as an impartial one; and overall she gives the impression of a brave and lovable, but also indiscreet and gullible woman. Her claims to be the prototype of Zhivago's Lara are pressed with somewhat embarrassing persistence, and in the two dozen letters from Pasternak she publishes, it is notable that almost the last thing he ever wrote to her was—"I give you a big hug and beg you to calm down". Moreover other closely involved parties have yet to have their say: Madame Pasternak herself, with the view from the "big house"; and even the Secretary General of the Writers' Union, Alexei Surkov, who is here cast in the role of Jealous Villain. Though whether such views will be permitted is another question.

Though these things can be urged against Olga Ivinskaya, they do not in my opinion affect the fundamental importance of her testimony. Her Memoirs do succeed in giving a superbly convincing picture of literary life in Moscow during the Stalin and Khrushchev eras, in every way complementary to Ilya Ehrenburg's *People, Years, Life* (1965), and the more denunciatory revelations of Solzhenitsyn. The curious atmosphere in which writers are both pandered to, and persecuted; eroded by petty restrictions, by bureaucratic uncertainties, cajoled with collective loyalties, is all perfectly caught. Tiny details strike home with mundane force: the free telephone at the Writers' Club; the special fast-lane for official cars; the members of the Writers' Union rushing "to the buffet or the toilet" to avoid being counted as an awkward vote (in this case Pasternak's expulsion); the twelve-storey block of writers' flats in Lavrushinski Street with its own special facilities, bank, barber shop, etc. I have never read a more chilling and authentic description of tyranny in action, its humiliating psychology, than in Ivinskaya's account—composed from several sources—of Stalin's two telephone calls to Pasternak about the fate of the poet Osip Mandelstam. Nor, in contrast, a more moving account of the friendship between Pasternak and the poetess Marina Tsvetayeva, who committed suicide in 1941.

But most of all perhaps, one values the evidence that so many of Pasternak's readers and admirers among ordinary people remained loyal to him whatever the State decreed. Like the anonymous correspondent who wrote during the Nobel Prize affair: "Dear Boris Leonidovich—Millions of Russians are happy at the appearance in our literature of a truly great work. History will not treat you harshly." And signed it, rather unplatonically perhaps, "The Russian People". Or like Olga herself, of whom Pasternak wrote in 1958: "She was put in jail on my account ... I owe my life and the fact that they did not touch me in these years to her heroism and endurance". Better than myrrh and a crown, one might think.

Richard Holmes

Consequences

To Keep the Ball Rolling
The Memoirs of Anthony Powell
Volume II, Messengers of Day
(Heinemann, £6)

To Keep the Ball Rolling is a jollier metaphor for having to plug on than *A Dance to the Music of Time*, but it is the thought which counts, as they say. The manner of the memoirs is also jollier and pithier than the fictional offprint's; the matter is the same. The series is open-ended and its second volume covers the years 1926 to 1933, or so, with sorties after later loose ends.

Use of the first person has not encouraged Mr Powell to instruction or confession. What he reveals about himself is plain factual: set up in a flat in inner Shepherd Market and then in another in outer Bloomsbury, worked at Duckworth's the publishers under Thomas Balston, enjoyed much dottiness there and elsewhere, wrote his early books, made agreeable excursions to the continent.

Creativity for him lies in observation of other people. The Eton-Oxford homeground offers Connolly, Orwell, Waugh, Henry Green, Sitwells all, Robert Byron, and some less interesting in themselves but momentarily illuminated by an event within their circle. John Heygate, for instance, commands detailed attention as the man who came between Evelyn Waugh and his first wife. Waugh, Mr Powell thinks, was so uncomplicated that even in those days it was often hard to accept that some of his views and attitudes were serious; his energies were concentrated on any role he was playing. Thomas Balston had the misfortune to find *Decline and Fall* a touch too blue for publication. Recently a copy appeared for sale inscribed to him by Waugh, "This stone which the builder rejected". Balston was himself soon rejected by his partners, but by then Mr Powell could conveniently become a full-time novelist.

As he edged farther into the Twenties Character-land, Mr Powell was absorbed by the composer Constant Lambert; he encountered artists like Augustus John and Nina Hamnett, and every variety of writer. Parties, debutantes, restaurants, Rosa Lewis. Just like a young hopeful between the wars, then, and once or twice he allows that a story has no particular point except its period flavour. His friends and acquaintances are a *commedia dell'arte* all their own, stylized in short scenes for their vagaries. (Nicolson to Sitwell filling in embarkation forms, "What age are you going to put, Osbert?" Sitwell to Nicolson, "What sex are you going to put, Harold?")

As in the Powell novels, a way of looking at the world has been contrived "by an odd chance", "by the inexorable law of coincidence". Who met whom where, and what they said, becomes the total subject as in a game of consequences. If there seem to be secret markings, and behind them passions and meanings, Mr Powell always vanishes on cue behind his smile. Entertaining, gossip-hungry, on the whole kindly, he is far from being a bore but like any clubman leaves himself at the mercy of anecdote and implication.

So highly literary a book smoothly incorporates excellent observations about writers and writing; to give one example, pinpointing the element of self-pity frequently found in a bestseller. Wyndham Lewis, E. E. Cummings and Hemingway were among the main influences on him, Mr Powell says, and they are hardly a reticent trio. Musing finally how and from where a writer draws his powers, Mr Powell typically proposes only a sequence of extra questions, which must take care of themselves as he thereupon closes his book in the genial empty space he has cleared around him.

David Pryce-Jones

Adopting the beast

The Dragons of Eden
Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence
By Carl Sagan
Hodder & Stoughton, £5.95.

As the title might suggest, this is yet another of those block-busting attempts to set the world to rights by putting us all in touch with our biological origins. "Eden" is a metaphorical reference to our genetic starting point, while the "dragons" are the dark beasts of our myths and "also those that still exist partly submerged in primitive reptilian parts of our brains".

The volume comes laden with credits and imprimaturs. It is a Book of the Month Club Choice, Literary Guild Main Selection Australia, and earnestly recommended by such connoisseurs of the genre as Colin Wilson, Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov. The text itself is dotted with classical quotations whose honorific rather than educative function is best illustrated by the choice of a line from *Macbeth* ("When shall we three meet again") to preface a chapter on the three elements of cortical structure.

In addition to all this we learn that the author is a distinguished Professor of Astronomy from Cornell University, a winner of the Joseph Priestley prize for "distinguished contributions to the welfare of mankind", and the author of fourteen other books. (If the photograph on the backflap is to be believed, he also possesses a refreshingly optimistic gaze, straight white teeth and a predilection for sitting with his left elbow resting casually on a globe).

When so much care has gone into the packaging its difficult to see why Sagan should have started his epic with such a misleading inspirational quotation from Charles Darwin: "The main conclusion arrived at in this work, namely, that man is descended from some lowly-organized form, will, I regret to think, be highly distasteful to many persons". For although he may not choose to reference other popular human jungle book writers (Ardrey and Morris don't even rate a ritual wave in the bibliography) he can hardly have overlooked the fact that nothing goes down so well in these complex crisis-ridden times than some more revelations about our lowly, bestial, reptilian origins.

His admiring references to such "polymaths" as Bertrand Russell, A. N. Whitehead and J. B. S. Haldane may, however, mean that he wishes to be identified with a rather superior group of popularizers. Unfortunately, he has no real credentials for admission to such company. Its interesting enough to read reports on the latest work by Penfield, Sperry and Teuber on cortical functions, by the Gardners on teaching language to chimpanzees, and by Delgado on the possibility of links between brains and electronic computers. But these are rarely placed within any scientific debate. No sooner is Sagan astride an interesting argument than he starts pulling it over towards that muddy territory where philosophical caution quickly gets trodden underfoot and anything at hand serves as evidence for a global generalization. One example is enough to illustrate the debilitating features of the technique:

MacLean has shown that the R-complex (the part surrounding the mid-brain) plays an important role in aggressive behaviour, territoriality, ritual and the establishment of social hierarchies. Despite occasional welcome exceptions, this seems to me to characterize a great deal of modern human bureaucratic and political behaviour. I do not mean that the neocortex is not functioning at all in an American political convention or a meeting of the Supreme Soviet; after all, a great deal of the communication at such rituals is verbal and therefore neocortical. But it is striking how much of our actual behaviour—as distinguished from what we say and think about it—can be described in reptilian terms. We speak commonly of a "cold-blooded" killer. Machiavelli's advice to his Prince was "knowingly to adopt the beast".

At least one can be grateful that such stuttering flights of fancy are clearly and even apologetically signalled, but this is hardly enough to redeem the text. Someone who chooses to reflect upon the limits of human intelligence should not so persistently raise doubts in his readers' minds about the security of his own vantage point.

Laurie Taylor

Poetry

Basil Bunting once described himself: *Minor poet, not conspicuously dishonest.* It is a good description, and an honourable one, and I think it is borne out by the work in his *Collected Poems* (Oxford £3.75, £2.25 paperback). Overshadowed for years by standing in the reputation of Ezra Pound, and repeatedly written off as a disciple it was the sonata-like long poem *Briggflatts* (1966) which compelled reassessment of this neglected English poet, now 78 years old. What is attractive about *Briggflatts* is the way in which it marries personal experience and landscape with the wider world of historical allusion. But if I were introducing Bunting to someone who had never read a line of his, I would choose something less ambitious, something precise and unforgettable, such as:

Not to thank dogwood nor
the wind that sifts
petals are these words,
nor for a record,
but, as notes sung and received
still the air,
these are controlled by
yesterday evening,
a peal after
the bells have rested.

The current issue of the little magazine *Agenda* is a special Basil Bunting issue, in which there is a valuable transcript of some remarks made by the poet himself on what he was trying to do in *Briggflatts*. *Agenda* costs 90p and is available from 5 Cranbourne Court, Albert Bridge Road, London, SW11 4PE.

Two other volumes of a life's work deserve respect, and more. Allen Tate's *Collected Poems 1919-1976* (Faber, £6.95) demonstrate that he must have serious claims to be considered the leading rhetorician of his generation of American poets. If I cannot warm to his verse it may be because he sets out to chill us with a classical assurance that never lets the reader forget that this is art with a capital A. I miss the overheard note. In Bunting's terms, Tate's bells are forever resonant, but there is rarely a peal to linger in the mind *after* they have done their solemn job. I make an exception of one or two of the earlier poems, notably the superb lines which begin:

The idiot greens the meadow
with his eyes. . . .

Anyone who can make every word work for its keep in the way that he does is plainly a considerable poet. I wish Tate had written more poems as compact, and with as unwavering a rhythm. *The Complete Poems of Keith Douglas*, edited by Desmond Graham (Oxford, £3.95), confirms that when Douglas was killed in Normandy, three days after D-day at the age of 24, we lost the finest poet to come out of the Second World War. Direct, using words not to decorate his thoughts and feelings but to hammer them into the shape of sense, Douglas wrote at least seven poems which ensure his survival among the English poets. I quote the two quatrains which conclude *Vergissmeinnicht*, since there is as much poetry in this pity as in anything by Wilfred Owen a war earlier:

But she would weep to see today
how on his skin the smart flies
move;
the dust upon the paper eye
and the burst stomach like a cave.
For here the lover and killer are
mingled
who had one body and one heart.
And death who had the soldier
singled
has done the lover mortal hurt.

Two volumes of posthumous pieces, Robert Lowell's *Day by Day* (Faber, £3.95) and John Berryman's *Henry's Fate and Other Poems* (Faber Paperback, £2.75) do not seem to me to add much to the stature of either of the poets, and the Berryman in particular seems to be something in the nature of barrel-scraping since it consists of poems which he *rejected* when putting together his last two books. Still, I would be the last to deny that Berryman's anguished and confused outpourings can touch the heart. What one requires of poetry, though, is that it touches the heart (and the mind) in such a way that the reader says: *These words, yes, and no other.* That is a precision approached in John Montague's *The Great Cloak* (Dolmen Press with Oxford, £2.75), a collection of love poems that demand and reward careful reading at their own slow, sober, pain-informed pace, and most particularly in a little volume by A. Alvarez entitled *Autumn to Autumn and Selected Poems* 1953-1976 (Macmillan, £3.95). The last book is a real eye-opener. Alvarez is widely known as a reviewer; but he has written few poems and never pushed or peddled himself as a poet. What comes off from this most distinguished selection is a sense of authenticity and necessity. The poems have been wrung from the poet almost against his will. I am reminded of something John Aubrey once said about Sir Walter Ralegh: "He was sometimes a poet; not often." That is true of most poets, only most poets publish all the stuff they write, so that time has to sort out the occasions when they *were* poets at the moment of writing. Alvarez, like Ralegh, seems to have mastered the art of holding his own poetic ambitions in check. He writes poems when he is a poet. That is not often. But it is often enough to make this a book to set beside Norman Cameron's *The Winter House* or Martin Seymour-Smith's *Reminiscences of Norma*—in other words, with the best of the neglected and unfashionable and utterly genuine poets of our rather nasty century.

Robert Nye

Books next week include Michael Ratcliffe on "The Goebbels Diaries", edited by Hugh Trevor-Roper. Sir William Haley on Tolstoy's letters. Philippa Toomey on historical novels.

The enormous waste

Testament of Youth
By Vera Brittain
(Gollancz, £7.50. Virago, paperback, £2.95)

For many women, now old, *Testament of Youth* must have been almost their own story. I first came across it when I was in my teens, and together with *Testament of Friendship*, Vera Brittain's tribute to her friend, the novelist Winifred Holtby, it was, without my realizing it until I read it again, a formative influence on attitudes towards work and feminism.

Vera Brittain's life as a pretty little thing in Buxton in well-to-do middle-class family, headed for marriage, was thrown out of gear by the fact that she had a brain and wished to use it. Almost by chance (and the encouragement of her younger brother Edward) she won an exhibition to Somerville, and went up to Oxford in 1914.

"The War at first seemed to be an infuriating personal interruption rather than a world-wide catastrophe", she wrote. A year later she was a VAD, nursing right through the war, in England, Malta and France, at one time on a ward with German prisoners, at another encountering her brother, who had been seriously wounded. It was a frightful experience for anyone trained to the work, but for a girl brought up in a sheltered home, it was an extraordinary revelation of pain and suffering, of bravery and endurance, of petty bureaucracy and cruelty mixed with kindness and consideration.

She had fallen in love with the first handsome and remarkable young man she met, Roland Leighton, a magnificent schoolboy figure at Uppingham, her brother's school, and they became engaged—"for three years or the duration of the war" they told their parents. Once in the Army, he was sent to the Front, won the MC, and died of wounds. It may have been a boy and girl romance which would not have survived, but the agonies and shyness, the hope and love were not the less real and painful. Her brother was also killed, and so were his two great friends. They were all in their early twenties. They wrote long and serious letters to each other, one of the most touching being from brother Edward (a pompous boy, one feels, who addressed his older sister as "dear child"), confessing "that women are a great problem to me. I meet very few, of these I dislike almost all, and I don't think I understand any of them. Of course, I am speaking about girls of my own age". At the time he was acting company commander, had won the MC, had a man's responsibilities, but was a boy in age and at heart.

The enormous waste of it hit hardest when it was all over, and Vera Brittain was back at Oxford, the sole survivor of her group of friends before the war, with older men who wanted to forget, and the young, who neither knew, nor cared, about the past. Fortunately she met Winifred Holtby, who had had similar war experiences, but whose courage and Yorkshire common sense helped and supported the more introspective Vera, on the brink of self-pity and breakdown, through Oxford, and on to a career in journalism, and as novelists. Marriage was no longer an option; the 1920s were the times of the "superfluous woman", as the cruel phrase went.

Vera Brittain and Winifred Holtby set out to prove that no woman need be superfluous. They wrote, they taught, they worked for the League of Nations, they lectured, they lived in tiny flats in Bloomsbury. Vera was happy, at last, to be free of the kindly chains and stultifying atmosphere of her home.

In 1925 she did marry—the young and brilliant academic known in the book as "G"—after a long and earnest correspondence (he was in the United States for a year) concerning one of her most abiding preoccupations: "Could marriage and motherhood be combined with real success in an art or profession? If it couldn't, which was to suffer—the profession or human race?"

It is a question which has never been answered satisfactorily—and probably never will be. But Vera Brittain's life and work went towards ensuring that women now at least have the freedom to choose what their lives will be like.

Philippa Toomey

Fiction

Palace Without Chairs.
by Brigid Brophy
(Hamish Hamilton, £4.95)
Centres of Ritual
by Stuart Evans
(Hutchinson, £5.50)
Target Man
by Brian Glanville
(Macdonald & Jane's, £3.75)
Mrs Mulvaney
by Hilary Bailey
(Constable, £4.50)
The Family
by David Plante
(Gollancz, £5.60)

Inventive, affectionate and beautifully proportioned, Brigid Brophy's *Palace Without Chairs* is her best novel by far. It is set in an imaginary European kingdom with the comic name of Evarchia (made up from the Greek meaning good government) and the country shines with illusions, fantasy and exquisite farce in dealing with real politics. But the mature vitality of Miss Brophy's writing invigorates the characters who are original, haunting yet fleshy, with quite a lot of blood—six deaths by the end.

Discount the blurb's suggestion that the people of Evarchia are influenced by King Magnus in Shaw's *The Apple Cart*: their substance, humour and ideas seem to me utterly Miss Brophy's creation. Frequently the country is like a fairy place of the mind where skies are clay-toned and white peacocks roost in city parks, but the exact language gestures that we are not bemused.

The king is dying. His liveliest adult children renounce their heritage and at the peak of the crisis begin a campaign for palace chairs; the down-at-heel palace is indeed short of chairs, horses and resting places but the officials meet plain-spoken requests by tossing gobbledygook like teargas at the petitioners; an official committee then takes months to define a chair. Extreme leftwing and rightwing politicians go ahead with furtive programmes for everything, and the details of human plotting and passion emerge with such quiet art that the final coup is unexpected. Benign muddle is supposedly over. The character who stays most in my mind is the queen, a lover of Greek and everything English, who alone extends compassion beyond humans to all animals and to her own foster home for pigeons. Her daughter, though, escaping to England, boisterously surmounting the self-limitations of nostalgia, is more heroic.

Fears about democracy being attacked in Britain inspire a group who produce considerable excitement in *Centres of Ritual* by Stuart Evans. Mr Evans, who also works for the BBC, usually writes novels of cerebral adventurousness as in his *Meritocrats*; here he looks into the heart of an imagined, contemporary coalition of politicians, journalists, broadcasters, academics and a few others who wish to influence, if not form, a social democratic centre party. They aim to show that the liberal conscience is stronger than revolution or organized reactionaries. But while they start policy discussions on Europe, the Commonwealth and education, they find their first challenge is to their personal behaviour when one of their members seduces and indirectly causes the death of a young girl. Can they claim to transmit public morality, to be a militant alliance of consciences, when their humanity appears rather shaky?

They are in the group, though, for their political integrity, not for their harps, one of them says. Most of them are witty and moving; chronicling their activities is shared democratically in turn between Mr Evans, a history student, an academic who is so neutral he can be said to have no views, two Labour MPs and a leader writer who is working on a satire of the proceedings. He turns out to be less compelling than the MP who enjoys explaining why people are worth democracy. This is very accomplished, serious writing.

Champions of conscience can sometimes be as vulnerable as Brian Glanville's goal-scoring hero in *Target Man*. Mr Glanville's achievement is that his narrator, a semi-articulate footballer, illuminates so much outside as well as in his game. Tony Cardinale spiritedly tells how he endures prejudice in a Lancashire third division team; he is Italian-born but has lived most of his 21 years in England, proud of having an English, clear head on Italian shoulders. When a Roman club buys him for £70,000 he learns about the universal appetite for gladiators. Almost everything is sacrificed for the displays of tactical strength which become outright battles; sense, fairness, skill and pleasure give way to the crowd's whistles for blood, and fouls, bribery and doped players are acceptable—as long as they win. Tony is also frank about his own appetite for the clamorous but distant support of fans and his hope not to be manipulated by this or any other need is particularly affecting.

The narrator in Hilary Bailey's *Mrs Mulvaney* has calculated that the best way to break down factional feeling is still in marriage. His confessions are direct, well-organized and written with stylish conviction, examining how, as the son of a tenant farmer, he marries a fellow-student he doesn't much like at Oxford but whose parents belong to a landlord class of his dreams or nightmares. "I used myself like a bomb", he says. Fourteen years later his rather shattered wife and two children leave their London home and it's brave of Hilary Bailey to match his dejection against the fiery damage caused by IRA sporadic attacks in his neighbourhood. It works: he is roused by Mrs Mulvaney in his street whose house is almost destroyed. She is a shy, unpopular visionary but the truthfulness of this novel allows no spectacular conversions. A few people just try to live better.

David Plante's writing in *The Family* is elegant and, surprisingly for him, full of particulars which he connects to a supreme quest. A packed household in Rhode Island is isolated when the father, partly Indian, loses his job; both parents find themselves over-dependent, against their will, on the love of their seven children who buy them a new home in the country, a place in a wider America. Their moves against ingrowing combat become a regenerating epic and Mr Plante concludes with a prayer for wholeness by one of the sons that lifts the book into poetry.

Myrna Blumberg

Old fashioned gusto

Literary Gent
By David Higham
(Cape, £7.95)

When David Higham as a soldier in the Second World War was inspected by King George VI, the King asked him "What are you in civil life?" Mr Higham answered "A literary agent, Sir," and the King roared with laughter. On further reflection Mr Higham conjectured that the King must have heard his reply as "Literary Gent"—a title suitable for his autobiography, for he has been writer as well as agent.

This is a rich warm-hearted book that will especially please those who enjoy literary gossip. I am sorry to learn that the author died just before his book was published. For fifty years he had been a successful literary agent, first with Curtis Brown, then with his own firm, latterly known as David Higham Associates. But much of the book, perhaps surprisingly, is about the army; he enlisted in 1914 after leaving Harrow and served ten years in France and the Middle East.

He was the son of Jewish parents, the father a stockjobber (and the name originally Hyam). It was a happy childhood with Mr Grenfell at Heath Mount School, Hampstead. Mr Higham writes a vivid but not economical prose. He was determined to work in all the jokes he had ever made or heard in his long life and some of Mr Higham's language, moreover, is that technically known as Rabelaisian.

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The chapter which more than any other probably explains the prevailing harmony among Mr Higham's occasional discords is that in which he describes his lifelong love of music. He had been a member of the Bach Choir and the Renaissance Singers and had sung in the chorus at Covent Garden.

As an author Mr Higham was responsible for plays which have been staged (notably, *Mutiny*), translations of operas, and several novels. Altogether, he had ample material for his autobiography, and the result, if a trifle overblown, is quirky, entertaining and illuminative of his period.

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THE ARTS

Malta under siege

Chronicle
BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

Television critics who see previews have the advantage of escaping deadlines, but there is a lot to be said for viewing in the bosom of one's family. John Julius Norwich, who wrote and narrated *The Knights of Malta*, the first of the new *Chronicle* series on BBC 2 on Tuesday, probably would have anticipated the teenager who said: "This is too much like school", and left the room. But I wonder if he realized that his heroic tale of the Knights withstanding the siege of Malta by the Turks would have been so engrossing to the tiny schoolboys that they had to be chased upstairs to bed in tears. Perhaps Norwich should tell the story on *Jackanory*.

Also, in an era of civic violence there was a second teenager who appreciated Jean de la Valette, the Grand Master of the Knights of St John, who held Malta against Suleiman the Magnificent. A portrait of the rugged la Valette, who served a year as a Turkish galley slave, came on the screen. "A bad bastard", the teenager said in great admiration. Perhaps it is not at all unfitting that our last remaining link with the Knights are the St John ambulancemen who brave the soccer hooligans on Saturdays to tend the injured.

As for me, I sat vowing to save my money and visit Rhodes and Malta for Norwich's film was part travelogue as well as history. One also tended to keep thinking: "I didn't know that!" Historical dates and names, both great and small, leapt out at the viewer. John Julius Norwich's manner, however, was neither solemn, nor schoolmasterly. He had, indeed, more of an eager schoolboyish way about him. He was full of the heroic deeds of the Knights as they fought and fled from the Turks: out of Jerusalem, out of Rhodes, and finally standing at Malta.

He managed as well some nice bits of understatement. "A Knight told how they awaited the Turks, the hoops were slight and the pitch boiling. They were received like men who were expected." What Norwich had here was an adventure and one wondered if he had made a mistake by not ending it with la Valette's victory. But no. That would have been too much like *Jackanory*. He was quite right to end with the bitter irony of Napoleon in 1798 taking Malta in less than a week with hardly a shot fired. Still, John Julius Norwich is such a good story teller and the siege of Malta such a good tale that it should not be hogged entirely by the grown-ups.



Photograph by Donald Cooper

Tamara Hinchco and Michael Bryant

Up the icy path: Ibsen unconquered

Brand
Olivier

Irving Wardle

During his time at the RSC, I remember Sir Peter Hall saying that he would never simply "do" a Chekhov or an Ibsen", and that he left that kind of cultural routine to the National Theatre. I know it is unfair to throw politicians' words back at them, but too many of the plays he has put into the Olivier seem to have arrived there for no more pressing reason than their cultural eminence. *Brand*, in this sense, follows on from *Tamburlaine* and the uncut *Hamlet*—a great challenge, if only there were some reason for doing it.

The obvious reason is to prove this huge dramatic poem, in every sense the turning point of Ibsen's career, to be stageworthy. Set in a remote mountain landscape, it was not written for performance; and for us there is the added barrier of Ibsen's octosyllabic verse which has hitherto defeated English translators. Christopher Morahan's production, accordingly, attempts to break down these obstacles with the aid of the Olivier's stage resources and a new text by the poet, Geoffrey Hill (based on a literal version by Inga-Stina Ewbank).

Mr Hill's text is rhythmically virile and speakable, matching Ibsen's prescription for a metre "in which I could career where I would, as on horseback". It also excels in satirical passages, finding an individual vocabulary for the wily Mayor, the sanctimonious Dean, and Einer, the ludicrous evangelist ("I was immersed in the divine wash-tube: pounded by the dolly-stick of His anger!"). It succeeds, that is, exactly where English versions of *Peer Gynt* have succeeded. To our ears that bouncy metre means fun; and it hits a rock when it comes to the vast Isaiah-like tirades of the central character. The rhythm persists, comedy is well and truly obliterated, but meaning is apt to evaporate into high-minded hot air.

The most successful staging of an Ibsen poem I ever saw was a Canadian version of *Peer Gynt*, played on two stepladders and a plank. Ralph Koltai's set for this show goes to the other extreme, with a snowbound stage, cracked with streams of ice, rearing up into jagged hillocks, and affording the prospect of a distant peak across the fjord. Spectacular at first sight, it turns out to be noisy underfoot, and holds no surprises in reserve for the final scene in the "ice church" (though the concluding avalanche is well managed by David Hersey's lighting). It seems more to cramp the actors' movement than to liberate the spectator's imagination.

A production such as this ought to be an occasion for revaluing a masterpiece. I have dwelt on its physical details because no particular attitude towards the work emerges. *Brand* is a gigantic debate on the theme of compromise versus personal mission. Ibsen demolishes the forces of compromise with contemptuous scorn, but his saintly hero, advancing ruthlessly to the peak under the banner of "All or Nothing", sacrifices his wife, child, and his flock to a crusade that finally proves a false vision. Shaw compared him to Don Quixote. That is one approach. Patrick McGoohan's barding pastor in Michael Elliott's Theatre 59 version was another. In the present production Michael Bryant ascends the icy path with hoarse-voiced intensity, bewigged like the young Ibsen, but conveying very little of Brand's spiritual turmoil or of his mesmeric authority over his followers (his Lenin in *State of Revolution* suffered the same deficiency).

We are left with the externals, and thus at the mercy of everything that still repels people in Ibsen—the naive symbolism, intellectual fog, and maudlin sadism like the protracted grief of the bereaved Agnes, which not even Lynn Farleigh is able to rescue from the world of the Victorian parlour songbook. There are excellent performances by Gawn Grainger and Nicholas Selby as village notables, and a fine study in tight-fisted senility by Patience Collier as Brand's mother. Robert Stephens, not for the first time, humanizes an Ibsen monster in his warm, diplomatically plausible, and extremely funny performance of the Mayor, revealed only at the last possible moment as a political rat. He, at least, is not to be missed.

When every detail rings true

Las Hermanas
Sadler's Wells

John Percival

To say positively that something cannot be done is always risky, but it seems to me at least highly unlikely that anyone will find a new way of playing the heroine in *Las Hermanas*. Lorca's play, on which the ballet is based, and MacMillan's choreography between them have set her in a rigid mould. All that varies from one interpretation to another is the degree of intensity with which the prescribed emotions are projected.

In Britain, the role is closely associated with Lynn Seymour, but those of us lucky enough to have seen Marcia Haydée (for whom it was created) have a second mark against which to measure all-comers. Dancing it for the first time at Sadler's Wells on Tuesday, Galina Samsova showed herself their equal.

In the nervous anxiety with which this unattractive, withered young woman awaits her intended fiancé, every detail rings true. Equally so in the second scene when, while the rest of the hermetic household is supposedly asleep, she half submits to his crude courtship, both fascinated and horrified by his lust.

If there is one moment she makes particularly her own, it is the little solo at the end, while her youngest sister is creeping upstairs to suicide. The inherent lightness of Samsova's jump, notable even here where the choreography does not require her to go high, gives her despair a hauntingly unself-conscious, almost disembodied quality.

The rest of the cast is not quite as tightly knit as last week's. Christine Aitken's portrait of the youngest sister has the sly sexuality but not quite the cat-with-the-cream smugness. Lois Strike gives the jealous sister an angry dryness but has not the gift of hiding the technique of her staps in the emotion they convey.

On the other hand, Alain Dubreuil makes the solitary man, intruding into this house of women, seem actually to drip lasciviousness. Jeanetta Laurence transforms herself credibly into a raddled crone as the mother, and the other two sisters, constantly whispering together behind their hands as they shuffle in the background, are given an involuted tenseness by Susan Burton and Petal Miller.

Taking its cue from Lorca's title, *The House of Bernarda Alba*, Nicholas Georgiadis's almost operatic structure rightly dominates and hems in the action. But I for one have never been able to work out the geography of the place; its architecture is less convincing than its atmosphere.

LPO/Barenboim
Festival Hall

Stanley Sadie

The Spirit of England was to have been in evidence at the Festival Hall on Tuesday; its failure to materialize, perhaps sympromatically because of rehearsal difficulties, left us with a rather ordinary-looking Brahms programme.

Disappointment at not hearing Elgar's cantata was muted by the lack of ordinariness in the performances. Daniel Barenboim, who conducted, seemed to leave his stamp equally on the concerto (No 2 for piano) and the symphony (No 1). We had performances that were almost infinitely flexible in detail yet seamlessly welded into unity.

In the concerto's spacious first movement neither he nor Jean-Bernard Pommier, the soloist, had any qualms about making the most of its expansiveness or of its expressiveness: the tone was set in the dreamily romantic opening horn phrase and taken up abundantly in Mr Pommier's rich and deliberate reading of the page of piano solo that follows. It was carried yet further in the taut and finely moulded string line in the second-subject matter and the leisured, poised shaping of the dialogue material on the piano's main entry.

I have heard the Scherzo more weightily, more energetically done; Mr Pommier stressed rather its contemplative side. Again in the Adagio, where the cello solo was tenderly played, the whole was seamless, however the texture might alter: the lines were long, the playing rapt and concentrated. Mr Pommier, at once sturdy and ruminative here, produced graceful rhythms and bubbling semiquavers in the Finale even if once or twice the music tested his technique.

In the symphony admiration was compelled by the combination, Furtwängler-like, of generous expression and structural force. There is no classical austerity to Mr Barenboim's Brahms. In the first movement, where wind solos were beautifully brought out (beautifully played, too), one remarkable feature was the big, long acceleration at the end of the development, leading thrillingly with huge momentum into the recapitulation; and there were analogous things in the Finale, where the ending, though its timing fell little short of extravagance, had uncommon dramatic force. The LPO played at their best for Mr Barenboim.

RLPO/Rattle
Liverpool

Paul Griffiths

When I was last in Liverpool, a couple of seasons ago, Paul Tortelier was there to give a performance of the Elgar cello concerto. We coincided again on Tuesday evening, when the concerto was Dvorak's, the audience just as enthusiastic in their welcome (for him, to be sure) and the playing no less impassioned. But that almost goes without saying, for Mr Tortelier would not be Mr Tortelier if he did not produce a singing line of urgent expressive character. More remarkable was the closeness of the rapport he established with the orchestra, and this revealed itself on numerous occasions when he adjusted his phrasing to that of an orchestral soloist, seeming genuinely excited by what he had just heard.

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic had been heard alone before the concerto in Haydn's Symphony No 60 *Il distratto*, directed by their new associate conductor, Simon Rattle. What was most clear from this performance was the discipline which Mr Rattle has achieved in the string playing. Fresh and neatly figured, that was an account to bring out all the wit in one of Haydn's oddest symphonies, though the brass, when playing loudly, were sometimes uncouth enough to spoil the feeling of cheerful and civilized humour.

In the second half of this oddly assorted but curiously successful programme there was Bartok's *Miraculous Mandarin* suite and a new piece commissioned from Elisabeth Lutyens, *Rondel*. This was a grim little monument, lasting under a quarter of an hour but containing much to raise the spirits and then cast them suddenly into gloom.

The repeated gloom comes about largely because of the refrain, a sombre chord calling all to rest. Separated and quenched by its occurrences are all sorts of crisply imagined orchestral ideas, their variety, however, subsumed to aural coherence. The scheme is a dangerous one, apt to generate music which stops and goes and loses momentum, but here intention was well managed. For that the composer must share praise with Mr Rattle and his players.

Annie, the poor girl who struck it rich

Peter Gennaro made his last, and first, visit to London to help cure the 'flu. He choreographed a commercial entitled *Cold Diggers of 1969*, using the music of "Button up your overcoat" to persuade the public to swallow tablets to keep the virus of the time at bay. The reason for Mr Gennaro's return, *Annie*, is unlikely to require such television support.

Martin Charnin's musical is a success before it is shown to the London critics next Wednesday after a week of previews at the Victoria Palace. It has played to capacity audiences at the Alvin Theatre on Broadway for the past year; the recent Canadian opening drew similar queues at the box-office; and London will be reckoned a particularly churlish, not to say heartless, city if it does not follow suit and take Little Orphan Annie, now fleshed out with songs and dances, to its collective bosom.

Charnin is a professional and *Annie* is a conspicuously professional musical. Nothing is left to chance and so for the first weeks of the London run Broadway's Annie, Andrea McArdle, comes to Victoria and so does *Annie's* New York dance director, Peter Gennaro. Charnin and Gennaro first met on *West Side Story*, where Charnin led that historic attack on the law, "Gee, Officer Krupke", and Gennaro was co-choreographer. Gennaro did not become involved in *Annie* until after its try-out at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut, where a number of American musicals over the past decade have first seen the footlights.

"It was about that time Mike Nichols became interested in the show. He invited me in and I hesitated for a moment because I was resident producer at Radio City Music Hall. Indeed I had to leave *Annie* for a break at Washington because of my contract at City, but it was already a hit before it went to Broadway. There were never any doubts.

"I remember that before we opened *West Side* we all knew that it was a bit rough, so we were nervous. But with *Annie* there were no such fears. Like *Fiddler on the Roof* it was designed to touch the audience in the heart, and once the heart has been moved then it's a short cut to the eyes and hands. Every time I've watched *Annie* on Broadway there has been a standing ovation. It is the simplicity of the show that does it: the heartstrings are always being tugged and they always respond."



Photograph by Brian Harris

The Victoria Palace with Peter Gennaro and orphans' cots

The simplicity is only surface deep. Charnin has been careful to keep his team by his side and not let the franchise fall into other hands. The back streets of Birmingham may have been asked to provide another dog Sandy, a fellow orphan whom Annie befriends, but in most respects the team remains the same and after the London opening Charnin and Gennaro go off to San Francisco to open *Annie* on the West Coast before they return to London to work on the musical version of Jack Rosenthal's *Ser Mitzvah Boy*.

Most of the choreography in *Annie* involves the inmates of Miss Hannigan's orphanage, which is ruled with a rod of iron and a bottle of bourbon. Designing steps for a series of moppets is rather different from working out the routines for the professionals at Radio City.

"The London casting was basically done by Martin Charnin but we agreed from the start that we wanted no 'show biz' children. The girls had to look as though they came from an orphanage and I wanted to make the routines *appear* as simple as possible. The aim in all the dances was to give the impression that anyone, however young, could do these movements. In fact I have to change the steps to fit the capabilities of the girls. Because of the strict United Kingdom rules on the number of hours child actors can appear on stage we're working with two casts and rehearsing a further two. You find out what each girl can do and adapt accordingly."

What was Mr Gennaro doing when he was the age of the Annie orphans? "Dancing, but not professionally. I was brought up in New Orleans of Sicilian parents and Orleans is Jazz City. You grow up with rhythm in your bones, but I didn't study dance formally until I left the army. I was given a grant and I went off to Katherine Durham's school and attended every possible class. An hour of Haitian dance, an hour of Spanish, another of American. That lasted for a year and a half and at the end of the period I joined the corps of the San Carlo Opera Company, the one based in Chicago not Naples."

Peter Gennaro claims, none too convincingly, that he has hung his own dancing shoes up. "A couple of years ago I did supper club solo at the Grand Finale in New York and at the end of a fortnight I had lost 10lb—I was almost back to my high school weight. You can't keep that up. I've partnered the best, including Gwen Verdon and Chita Rivera, who is probably the most dynamic dancer I have ever worked with. But you want to bow out when they still like you and while you still have time to watch others collect the applause.

"My son Michael has just opened in *Julius Caesar* at the Brooklyn Academy. He was only playing the slave of Brutus, but the *New York Times* critic gave him the one favourable mention in the whole cast. So there's hope there."

John Higgins

Jean Marais to act at Old Vic

France's legendary film and stage actor Jean Marais and Lila Kedrova are to play the leading roles in the Paris production of Jean Cocteau's *Les parents terribles* to be given at the Old Vic Theatre for one week from May 22 to May 27. Cocteau's play was first seen in Paris in 1938, and the present Paris revival comes from the Théâtre Antoine.

Jean Marais, who played the part of Michel in the original production and who now plays the father, has not appeared on the English stage before. He also directs the play. His many film appearances include Cocteau's *Beauty and the Beast* and *Orphée*.

Elgar and Nicolai at Haddo House

Two infrequently heard choral works by Elgar, *The Kingdom* and *The Apostles*, will be performed at Haddo House, Aberdeenshire, on May 13 and 14 by the Haddo House Choral and Operatic Society. Nicolai's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will be presented there from June 7 to June 10.

Hockney in Salzburg

Two exhibitions of work by David Hockney have just opened in Salzburg. They will be found in the Künstlerhaus and the ORF-Studio. Both run until May 15.

Prague Spring Music

Orchestras visiting this year's Prague Spring Music Festival, from May 12 to June 4, include the Leningrad Philharmonic, the Lyons Symphony, the Helsinki Philharmonic and the Hungarian State.

Individual artists appearing in Prague will include Elena Obraztsova, Henryk Szeryng, Garrick Ohlsson, Igor Oistrakh, Alfred Brendel and Salvatore Accardo, while the conductors will include Kyril Kondrashin, Aram Khachachurian and Neville Marriner.

Janacek's music will be featured during the festival, and among his works to be performed are the *Glagolitic Mass*, *Taras Bulba*, the Sinfonietta and the Suite for Strings.

Sleuth to transfer to Ambassadors

Sleuth, with Patrick Cargill and Tony Anholt, now at the Savoy Theatre, will transfer to the Ambassadors Theatre on May 9

Dexterity at the Met

Tannhäuser, much acclaimed in last December's new production, opens the Metropolitan Opera season on September 18. The following night Benjamin Britten's *Billy Budd* will be seen for the first time at the house directed by John Dexter and conducted by Raymond Leppard. Richard Stilwell sings the title role and Peter Pears is Captain Vere, the role he created at the world premiere at Covent Garden in 1951.

John Dexter will also direct three of the other new productions in the season. *The Bartered Bride* opens on October 25 with a new translation by Tony Harrison, who provided the text for two Dexter productions at the National Theatre, *The Misanthrope* and *Phedre Britannica*. James Levine conducts

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St John's to have its own festival

This year is the 250th anniversary of St John's, Smith Square. To mark the occasion, a festival is being held between June 20 and June 30. Following a Service of Celebration, there will be 11 evening performances. Artists taking part include Gidon Kremer, Sesto Bruscantini, James Galway, La Grande Ecurie et la Chambre du Roy, the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, and the Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square. A wide variety of fringe events is also being presented, among them poetry-readings, performances on the portico by the Theatre of Puppets, and a "Postscript" at 10.30 pm each evening.

The festival affords St John's—which receives no regular government subsidy—a much-needed opportunity to realize a profit, through its own artistic efforts, to safeguard its future as a concert hall. This essentially includes a permanent box-office. It is widely recognized that the absence of advance booking facilities is the greatest single disadvantage of the organization—a disadvantage to the artists, the public, the management. On May 22, therefore, a box-office opens in the vaulted space beneath the north portico. This inauguration coincides with the opening of booking for the festival. The telephone number will be 01-222 1061.

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ACADEMY TWO, 437 5129, Claude Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Progs. 1.50, 3.50, 5.15, 8.40.
ACADEMY THREE, 437 8819, Bertolucci's THE SPIDER STRATEGEM (A). Progs. 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
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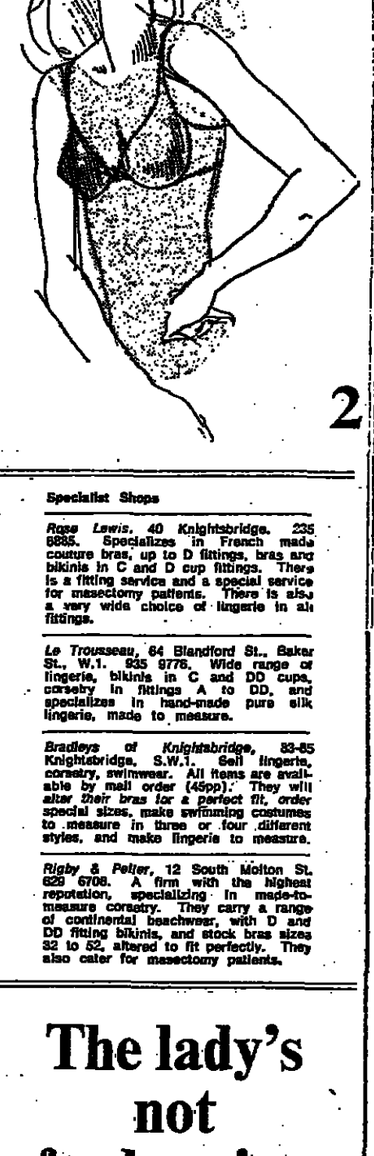


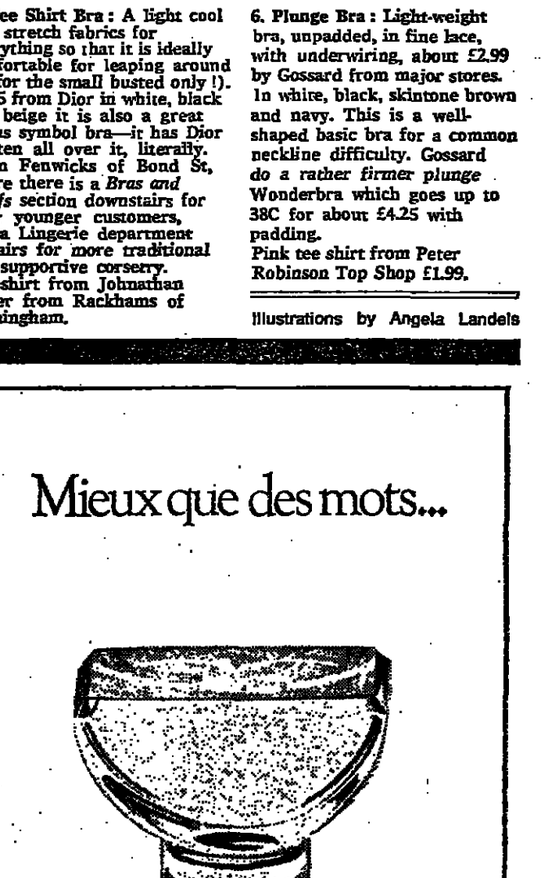
1. Halterneck or Backless Bra : This is highly adaptable addition to a bra wardrobe, because it is made to be worn in a variety of ways—halterneck, backless, strapless (with the straps crossed over the back lower down)—or crossed over at the front, the straps lengthen, shorten and fasten to cleverly placed hooks all over the place. It would deal with the problems set by almost any evening dress. From Rose Lewis, £18.50, in beige, black or white. Jonathan Miller tee shirt £5 in assorted colours from Rackhams of Birmingham and D. H. Evans.

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Tee shirt from Jonathan Miller, £2.25, assorted colours, from Rackhams of Birmingham and Asparagus of Hampstead.

3. Strapless Bra : A beautifully made couture bra from France, available from Rose Lewis. In black or white lace, with underwiring, side boning and slight padding, £18.50. For off the shoulder and strapless sun dresses and evening dresses, or those ribbon strapped dresses and tops—a bra like this must be an investment.
There is an excellent strapless bra in the Gossard Glossies range for the slighter figure, which does not give so much uplift but is seamless, moulded, slightly underwired, the perfect boob tube bra for about £2.99 from all major stores. It is made from a new shimmering Lycra very light fabric from Penn International.
Tee shirt in assorted colours by Jonathan Miller, £2.25 from Peter Robinson and Rackhams of Birmingham.

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Pink tee shirt from Peter Robinson Top Shop £1.99.

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The lady's not for burning

It will come as no surprise to friends and enemies to learn that since I started our first child 12 years ago my nether half has been unspanned by Spanzel, unrestricted by rubber, and unlocked by Lycra. In 1966 I decided (well I was springing out of everything anyway) that figure was a question of exercise, diet and above all posture. Somehow after the baby I just never got back into those strange garments called pantie girdles with which in my skimpy twenties I had sought to invert the pear-shaped ratio doled out to me by Nature.

Habit is a forceful thing and it takes a force to break it. Christian Dior always said that the only way to get a woman to change her dated style was to have a new man in her life. Less drastic, one could argue that it is only by dint of not getting your favourite newspaper for a month or by the necessities of conception that you start on another track.

In fact, by the time I was ready for the embrace of Warners again it was the Courrèges era and the dresses were so firmly constructed that they were like a carapace; you could have been any shape underneath them, probably the reason that his look has never died in England. You did need good legs, though, with those short skirts, but on the whole again the English can wear them, being heavy to the thigh and then tapering into quite thoroughbred pins.

One day I must write a thesis on the different shapes of different nations—though what bothers me is why? Why should some people be struck down with less so thin that they would occasion the comment of the immortal Benny Hill that the last time he had seen a leg like that it had a message strapped to it. Why are some sway backed, heavybreasted, just plain fat, just plain thin? Another day.

Today we tackle the other half, because even if there were more bosoms on casual display in the latest collections than there are frilly petticoats peeping on Oxford Street the simple fact is that 90 per cent of women need a bra for both aesthetic outline and for their own sense of propriety.

With fashion such a jungle of choice and prowlers able to pick out any one of a dozen necklines equally fashionable the animal to be fought off is the British habit of going straight to Marks and Spencer *and buying (without trying it on to see* what it does for you) one bra. If they went into Marks and Spencer which has a superb range of undies—though how they thought we were going to keep up our stockings under our French knickers when St Michael had not included suspender belts I know not—and bought six bras I would have no quarrel. We would then be less likely to see drooping straps, stout bulges under flimsy cottons, and arctic white lights through a dress which the designer intended to be underpinningless.

Fashion is your body is a phrase I have often preached on this page. Exercise, diet and posture were the right things to be thinking of in view of what clothes were to become. But the practicality is some way off from the couture always, and so we suggest some helpful supports for all shapes.



Too many people assume that fine craftsmanship died out at least a hundred years ago. This clock by Roger Doyle disproves that assumption at a stroke. Made of perspex and silver, with the dragonfly of gold with delicate steel wings, it looks like the reflection of a dragonfly imprisoned in a bend of water. It was in the Day and Night exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum as part of their Jubilee celebration last year, and the V & A has now bought it to add to their collection. It will be on display there again this year as part of their Objects the Museum Collects exhibition, due to begin in May. Roger Doyle's jewelry can be bought, and clocks commissioned from him at 44 Lexington St, London W1 (437 2838).

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Jairos Jiri : saviour for the blind.

The guerrilla war that could stop this one-man crusade

When weighed in the balances, not many of us can be judged to have left the world a better place than we found it. A few writers, artists, musicians, and scholars; some teachers; some fiery geniuses; some ordinary men and women who brighten the hard way of the world for others. A distinguished member of this last noble army has just arrived in Britain. He is an elderly black Rhodesian, who has done more practical good for his countrymen and women than the whole race of politicians. His name is Jairos Jiri. He is the pioneer of treatment and rehabilitation for black Rhodesians who are blind, deaf, or otherwise disabled. Before him there was nothing. Today he has 10 centres training 1,200 people to look after themselves, and a queue of 1,500 waiting to be trained. He has lighted a lamp for those Rhodesians born under a double shadow: being blind or crippled, and also being black.

Jairos Jiri was the son of the Chief of one of the ancient and influential tribes of Central Africa. At the age of six he was herding his father's cattle. Illness prevented him from going to school. During the last war he served as a steward in an RAF mess near Bulawayo. There he learnt about the work of St Dunstan's for those blinded by war, and the thought occurred to him that the same sort of care could help black civilians to find a place in society. Working in a bottle store in Bulawayo after the war, he was horrified to see the blind beggars in the streets, with nobody to look after them.

So, still illiterate, with no money, he started a one-man crusade. At first he tried to send his blind brothers home to their families. But as the extended tribal families became less closely knit, there was often nobody at home willing to look after them. So he decided that they would have to be taught to stand on their own feet. With a few friends and after a long struggle he founded the first African charity to care for Africans. It has prospered greatly with support from our Department of Overseas Development, and public and private charities from all over the world.

Jairos Jiri has been decorated by the Queen, received by the Pope, given an honorary degree by the University of Rhodesia, and made the first black freeman of Bulawayo. From Umtali to Victoria Falls, and from Salisbury to Gwanda the blind are being taught useful work, the crippled are trained in everything from agriculture to tailoring, and all are helped to make their own lives.

Looking for money in Europe

This work is now threatened by the guerrilla war, which has cut off its principal income. This used to come from collections in rural beer halls, now closed because of the emergency, and from selling handicrafts to tourists, who are avoiding Rhodesia. The war is also creating more cripples who need help. The association will make a loss of at least 170,000 dollars this year. So Jairos Jiri has come to Europe to find money to tide his work over the next three years, by when he hopes conditions will have returned nearer to normal.

If he fails, the work of the past 30 years will have to be closed down. Jairos Jiri says: "I am not interested in politics. The peasant in the middle of the fighting does not have an idea of what it is all about. I have come to put it across to the British that they have a moral responsibility for the distress of their most unfortunate children in Rhodesia." The most important non-political African in Rhodesia is one of those rare ones who come down on the side of their brothers in the scales of life.

Philip Howard

The NF success story starts here?

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Ronald Butt

Could the Con-Libs undo the Budget?

The Conservative Party has been suffering a certain moral (and political) torment over how far it should go, in conjunction with the Liberals, in trying to force further income tax cuts on the Government.

What should a responsible opposition do when just possibly it has the chance of forcing the tax-cutting part of its policy on the Government but is not able to oblige the Chancellor to compensate by either raising other taxes or cutting public spending—the other half of the Tory strategy?

Yesterday the Shadow Cabinet (whose opinions, including those of its own Treasury team, have been more or less divided) discussed the problem, and the outcome will, no doubt, be indicated by Sir Geoffrey Howe when he speaks in the Commons on the Finance Bill this afternoon.

The argument has had something of the complexity of a theological disputation. The question of what constitutes responsible opposition is, in any case, one that grips the Tories instinctively much more than Labour.

For although the Labour leadership seeks to behave responsibly in office (being unwilling in practice to accept the social and national consequences of its own party's unbridled political urges) even leading Labour politicians quickly run wild again in opposition when they no longer have the constraints of responsible office, and are faced with the pressures from their own party as it remembers that (after all) Labour is supposed to be motivated by a desire for fundamental change in the social and political structure.

The Tories, however, both in opposition and power, want to make the existing structure work, and they cannot afford conduct that might damage it. What is more, they now feel themselves to be in sight of power. They cannot, therefore, afford the same sort of tactics as Mr Pardoe, who is unconstrained by such considerations.

Now, of course, the Tories realize that there is only a slight chance anyway that the Liberals can foist any fundamental tax-cuts on Mr Healey. A Tory-Liberal voting alliance alone would not have the numbers necessary to achieve this. Support from the Nationalists would be needed and this raises a further question.

The tax change that the Tories could most easily press home without too seriously infringing their own Budget judgment would be a cut in the top rate of income tax, both because it would cost so little and because lower taxation for high achievers is one of their chief recipes for economic recovery.

Further, they suspect that it is the one change on which Mr Healey would actually like them to defeat him. Both the Chancellor and Mr Harold Lever share the Tory opinion that top tax rates are dangerously high, but, Labour egalitarianism being what it is, the Government feels unable to take the initiative to do anything about it.

What better then, for Mr Healey, than that the Tories should do the job for him, and enable him to attack them as the rich man's party for doing it? So, although reducing the 83 per cent tax rate would, perhaps, be the easiest change to get away with so far as the Government is concerned, it is the one which would be most likely to harm the Tories if they could not do the same lower down the tax scale.

But in any case, even if Mr Healey were to accept the accomplished fact, that would not get the fact accomplished. For this, Nationalist support would be needed, and to the extent that the Scottish Nationalists have any coherent ideology, apart from nationalism, it is more left than right: hence their "tartan socialist" label. It is doubtful, therefore, whether they would support a cut in the top tax rate.

As for the Ulster Unionists, they are almost certain to be represented by Mr Enoch Powell on the Finance Bill's standing committee, and the Conservatives suspect that Mr Powell will take the purist's view that public borrowing must not be increased by further tax cuts.

Not that there is likely to be much hope anyway of any substantial changes during the Bill's standing committee stage in view of the tight balance of membership. Any major changes would have to happen during the three days when the Bill is in committee of the *whole House, when the Tories* might just be able to force some income tax changes on the Government.

Which brings us back to the broader question: can the Tories responsibly try to force lower taxation on the Chancellor when they know that he may not be willing to cut public spending, or to put up VAT, to pay for it?

To cut the top rate alone is politically difficult: something would have to be done for middle management by reducing the standard rate by 1p (which would now cost some £370m) at least or preferably 2p. But to add £740m to the public sector borrowing requirement would be economically irresponsible in the eyes of all Tories, whatever the position they take about Finance Bill tactics.

The cautious school in the present argument therefore concludes that the Tories must do nothing that might lead to an increase in public borrowing, which would have serious inflationary consequences, lead to higher imports, put up interest rates and strike at business confidence.

Therefore, on this argument, the right tactics are for the Tories to argue the case for lower taxation, but to make sure they do not win the divisions that might force it on a Government unwilling to make counterbalancing economies.

Besides, runs the argument, if the Tories did win, what benefit would there be for them? The Government would get the credit for the lower tax; the Tories would eventually get the odium which would follow from the damage done by putting into practice only half their strategy by a Labour chancellor. And why do in opposition what you should do in power?

It is a formidable case but some argue differently. The Tories are the tax-cutting party and in opposition it is not right for them to try to carry the responsibilities of government. If they seem to lack the courage of their convictions, what are they in business for? On this argument, a combined Tory-*Liberal-Nationalist tax-cutting* victory in the Commons would lay on the Chancellor the duty of either recouping revenue in other ways (putting up VAT), cutting public expenditure, resigning or going to the country.

A major Conservative tax victory would be made on the specific understanding that public borrowing must not be raised further. It would pass the ball to the Chancellor if he failed to reverse his defeat on the report stage of the Bill. But, of course, he almost certainly could.

The parliamentary statistics are such that, unless there is an all-party opposition combination against the Government, the Budget cannot be seriously amended. This year, there will be no hope of a Rooker-Wise element in the Labour Party supporting things the Tories want to do.

One must not be misled by the alarms and excursions on the Lib-Lab front. Mr Pardoe is huffing and puffing in search of the limelight to prove the Liberal influence on Government. Treasury ministers issue warnings to the Liberals, and they, too, are playing their appointed role in the Lib-Lab ritual.

Yet the Conservatives do have a real decision to make. It is a long time since the House of Commons actually had an opposition majority which could in theory be marshalled against the Government to refuse or reduce supply. If the Tories could produce proposals which enabled all the opposition parties to join together, they could be bringing the House of Commons back to its ancient source of power, which has been for so long untapped.

What they decide should be determined for the purpose of maximizing the opposition so far as this can be done in harmony with Tory policy.

The Tories, however, are also engaged in an exercise to establish their case with the public that cutting direct taxation is fundamental to Britain's economic recovery. In the Finance Bill, Mr Peter Tapsell, one of the Tory front-bench Treasury spokesmen, pointed out that whereas at the end of the war, the starting point for the top rate of income tax was £15,000 now, 32 years later, and after an inflation of 700 per cent, the highest rate tax band is only just being raised from £21,000 to £23,000, and the same considerations apply through the other tax bands.

Even Mr Callaghan accepts that people think that they pay too much tax. The question is whether the Conservatives can get the public to accept their diagnosis that tax-cutting with all that goes with it is the essence of economic recovery.

Important though the debate about opposition responsibilities is, decisive though victories in the Finance Bill lobbies could conceivably be, the most important job for the Tories in the coming weeks is to make the case for tax-cutting not just a means of buying votes but as fundamental to Britain's economic future.





Mrs Thatcher and Mr Steel : tax cuts, but how?

A welcome to the Upper House

New lords arrive thick and fast these days, but I am sure that we, the rank and file peerage, look forward to hearing our new noble colleague, Lord Soames, who joins us today.

We had, at least, heard of him before he joined us, and Brussels's loss is our gain. When we hear from him in the chamber, those authoritative and penetrating tones will wake us all up, which will be especially useful in the mid-afternoon.

Luckily Lord Soames has made speeches the world over, so that he is unlikely to make the mistake of some of his fellow debutants who have only just metamorphosed themselves from that other House of Parliament, and seem never to have been anywhere else.

After Paris and the Berlaymont, he will not copy Lord A . . . or Lord L of . . ., who imagine they must still indulge in the daily rat-at-at-at of party political insult-swapping, which the House of Commons demands of its inmates. (If only the BBC would broadcast more of the proceedings of the House of Lords, there would be more chance that the public would forgive Ian Trethowan for cutting off their favourite programmes in exchange for a daily dose of parliamentary groans and badinage.)

If we in the Upper House deserve to exist at all, we must not only carry out our different parliamentary duties, but sound different and behave in a more dignified manner, and when partisan, partisan with elegance. Lord Soames will add to our gravitas quotient.

Then some peers, particularly former academics, indulge in a constant flood of lectures (often from wads of notes as thick and as apparently stuck together as slices of salami). No more inciting lecture hall can exist than Barry and Pugin's, gilded masterpiece, but peers who read their speeches in funereal tones are not popular, and may end up talking only to themselves and *Hansard*. Their lordly students find they are needed elsewhere.

On the other hand, those who make no preparation at all are sometimes even worse. Forty minutes of instant reminiscence ("As I said at the Commonwealth Conference in 1952"), connected only by the erratic thread of thought of the Speaker on his feet, can achieve a rare degree of mental suffering in the audience.

Nevertheless, we are more indulgent of ramblers than lecturers or hecturers. The essence of most peers' contribution to public discussion is their past experience, not their present activity in the front line of party political warfare.

The best Lords' debate is distilled and concentrated. Whether on a narrow point of a particular clause of the Scotland Bill at 11 pm or in a general debate, we shine when we provide a forum for the recollection of political experience in tranquillity. So we humour an extempore autobiographer, but we hate a fervent rub thumper, especially those well supplied with moral indignation.

The rules of procedure are matter of fact, but we have no Speaker, so we keep ourselves in control by the pressure of opinion. So avid students of the rule book are not welcome. Besides, most of the rules can be broken, provided the peer in question acts with dash, good humour and ruthlessness.

Only those who do not try to play with the House most of the time are sent off the pitch when they make a mistake. This law applies to ministers; those whom we like are forgiven almost any absurdity, to the point of acute indulgence while cocky martinets or lofty know-alls are barely endorsed.

In short, the Commons has a heady, sweaty, indoor atmosphere like a cock fight or a wrestling match; we in the Lords are more similar to a bowls championship on a putting green. It is said that Disraeli, when asked about his translation to the House of Lords, replied: "Dead, lead; but in the Elysian fields". I hope we are certainly more heavenly-minded than our counterparts at the other end of the Palace of Westminster.

Most new members of the Commons want to know how to get to the top. Many newly created lords have already been there, so that those of them who bother to come share with those hereditaries which bother to come a vague desire to serve rather a precise ambition of triumph.

Thus the best new peer is the one who adapts himself gently to all the different aspects of daily life in our lordships' house. We love mavericks, hard workers, botanists, persistent barriers of bumbledom; those who want to make the House of Lords a success; we hate people who sneak in to fulminate and then disappear, those who take titles and never attend and those who hold noisy informal discussion meetings in the library.

Lord O'Hagan

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Coming up to a hundred and still speculating

Paul de Hevesy is 96, lives in Hove, is the brother of a celebrated nuclear physicist who died 12 years ago, and is now writing a history of Europe.

I hope that when he finishes it, and before his sharp memory begins to blur, he will settle down and write a memoir about his experiences in the diplomatic corps. If it is true, as he assures me it is, that he is the only surviving member of the imperial and royal diplomatic service of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, the sooner he puts pen to paper the better.

His later postings were as permanent Hungarian delegate to the League of Nations and the International Labour Office, but his first one was to London, in 1909. His ambassador was Count Albert Mensdorff-Pouilly-Dietrichstein whose grandmother, a Coburg, was a half-sister of Queen Victoria's mother.

Mr de Hevesy tells me that when King Edward VII, accompanied by Queen Alexandra, attended a dinner at the embassy in Belgrave Square, he was presented to the king. "He shook hands with me and said the equivalent of 'How do you do?' in my native Hungarian. His majesty was very fond of Austria-Hungary."

Even at 96, Mr de Hevesy delights in historical speculation, something for which the Great War provides him with plenty of scope. "It is legitimate to wonder", he says, "whether, had the king been alive in 1919, he might have availed himself of those constitutional processes (which are the enduring strength of the British monarchy) to bring his mellow wisdom and moderating counsels to bear on the politicians at the Peace Conference, whose delegates were imbued with the mistaken notion that the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary would ensure lasting peace in Europe.

"The world is not interested in the might-have-been. But it is at least arguable that, if the dual monarchy had not been destroyed under the terms of the peace treaties of 1919, the Second World War might have been prevented."



Mr Paul de Hevesy

Striking a lighter note in Ireland

The harassed organizers of the festival season now starting in Ireland might do well to take a leaf out of Garret FitzGerald's book as they struggle to cope with the problems caused by industrial troubles at Aer Lingus and in the telecommunications field.

Dr FitzGerald, leader of Ireland's Fine Gael opposition party and a former Aer Lingus executive, arrived recently at Dublin airport to find one of the airline's top brass checking his baggage.

After handing in his own suitcase Dr FitzGerald is reported to have told his erstwhile colleague: "Well . . . just think of it . . . if I had stayed in Aer Lingus, I could be where you are now."

The organizers of the 74 festivals throughout the Republic are finding it difficult to adopt such a light-hearted approach as they apply last-minute touches to their arrangements in the teeth of the two strikes.

But, after looking in at the Dublin Arts Festival over the weekend, I was encouraged to find everyone carrying on regardless.

This year's festival, which runs until Sunday, has chosen the dual theme of Dublin, Medieval and Contemporary. Interestingly, one of the most popular lectures so far was the one on medieval permissiveness by Terry Dolan, Department of Old and Middle English, University College, Dublin. Some 30 people had to be turned away at the door, I gather.

At the seaside and in the pink

Best wine in old bottles, they say. So what better place for the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged to hold a press conference yesterday than the well-stocked cellars at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese in London. Especially as one of the guests of honour was a lively 93-year-old, George Thulborn, the 10,000th person to be given a free seaside holiday (in the OAP's favourite Ilfracombe) by the fund.

Let me tell you how lively he is. During the holiday, he said to his courier: "Didn't you say pink for a girl, blue for a boy?" Yes, she replied. "Well, I've got pink sheets on my bed, but there's no girl there", said the saucy fellow.

Lady Spencer-Churchill used to be the fund's president. She has now been succeeded by her daughter, and Lady Soames was there yesterday to hear Jeremy Thorpe, the trustees' chairman, talk about the fund's expanding activities.

I overheard a jocular exchange between Mr Thorpe (in whose constituency Ilfracombe lies), and Winston S. Churchill, another trustee. "I see you're keeping the Tory landladies in pocket then", said Mr Churchill. Raised eyebrows from Mr Thorpe. "You do want them to vote Liberal, don't you?" from Mr Churchill. A guffaw from Mr Thorpe.



A fair deal

Psephologists will be intrigued by a recent council election in Moriarty, New Mexico, reported by *Time* magazine. The two candidates, Bill Berry and James Schwebach tied with 99 votes each and agreed to settle the contest with a hand of five-card stud poker instead of staging an expensive re-run. State District Judge Edmund Kase III shuffled and dealt, and Mr Berry became City Councilman Berry. He drew a pair of nines.

The Alliance's saving grace

You cannot argue against the political credo of the Save London Alliance; it does not have one. But whether such commendable neutrality will be enough to coax votes from the middle ground at next month's London borough elections, remains to be seen.

It was this self-same conservation group which, three years ago, campaigned successfully to prevent the demolition of a large chunk of Trafalgar Square. It aims, it says, to make London *once again a pleasant place* to live, to reduce the present swollen bureaucracy and, above all, halt the destruction of familiar landmarks, whole streets, and indeed whole communities.

Its candidates include Michael Fish, of shirt designing fame; Lady Porritt, wife of the former New Zealand Governor General; and nearly a hundred others, whose listed occupations range from child minder to silver merchant and from retired gunner to unmarried mother.

Their distribution gives some weight to the idea that conservation is mainly a middle class preoccupation; 38 in Westminster, 17 in Fulham, 13 in Kensington and Chelsea (excluding 17 others disqualified because their nomination papers were not in order), nine each in Ealing and Wandsworth, five in Hounslow, two in Camden, and only one each in Haringey, Lambeth, Richmond and Waltham Forest. For would-be-defenders of south and east London it is too late; nominations have already closed.

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TIMETABLE FOR NAMIBIA

he acceptance yesterday by uth Africa of the plan worked t by the five western powers r an internationally recog- ised independent Namibia has nerally been welcomed. Dr wen sees, in the prospective ited Nations supervision of ee and fair elections for a con- ituent assembly leading to full dependence by the end of the ar, a model and precedent for hodesia that is closely analog- s to the Anglo-American plan. now remains for Swapo, the tionalist party fighting on the rthern frontier, to accept the m.

There is no reason why Swapo ould not accept since the estern group has evolved the an in consultation with the uth African Government and apo leaders over many months, lminating in discussions in New rk in December. Since then, wever, Swapo has interpolated e demand that South Africa uld agree that Walvis Bay be rt of the new state, a demand uth Africa rejects and the plan nores: Mr Jamieson, the adian Foreign Minister, told e Assembly of the United tions yesterday that the status this enclave, never juridically rt of the trust territory or rmer German colony, must be tled by direct negotiations tween an independent Namibia d South Africa. Nor has the apo demand for the restric- n of the residual South African ces to a base in the south been lly met.

Both Swapo and the South ricans have, however, come a ng way towards compromise in e past year. Swapo has cepted elections under United tions invigilation backed by peace-keeping force (whose mposition has not yet been reed) notwithstanding the ited Nations' earlier ill- advised recognition of Swapo as sole representative of the Namibian people. Swapo accepts that South Africa will continue to administer the territory during the interim and its police will maintain law and order. It has abandoned its position that no fair elections could be held while any symbols of South African power were left in the territory.

The South African Government has, on its side, abandoned its earlier plans first for an extension of the bantustan system in South West Africa, and subsequently for the constitution based on ethnic representation worked out at the Turnhalle conference. In the end, South Africa has reluctantly agreed to confine its troops to barracks, and to reduce them progressively to a nominal force of 1,500 during the United Nations period of supervision.

Events have moved both sides from their irreconcilable positions. The South Africans, having decided that the trust territory must be decolonized, realize that a regime which the world refused to recognize (as it has not recognized Transkei) would perpetuate guerrilla war along the frontier with Angola. This would indefinitely tie up a large South African force, and undermine South Africa's position with the West, which might eventually have to accept United Nations pressures for sanctions.

Swapo seems convinced that, backed by the Russians and Cubans, it could eventually wear South Africa down, but it has seen that the result might well be inconclusive, and its control over the whole area, as opposed to Ovamboland alone, indefinitely deferred. In the western plan it achieves some clear electoral advantages. The plan establishes the United Nations presence, and the United Nations has always backed Swapo; so, to the voters, the United Nations presence can be presented as a Swapo victory. The withdrawal of South African troops can be claimed as the winning of Swapo's warlike objectives, with the implication that Swapo is as inevitably the incoming rulers as Frelimo in Mozambique.

Even if Swapo accepts the plan, however, the difficulties are great. It was drawn up some time ago. By now the timetable, successively providing for a supervised ceasefire, withdrawal of South African and Swapo forces, the establishment of the United Nations "Transition Group" co-operating with the South African Administrator, the release of detainees, the rescinding of discrimination, the supervision of a four-month election campaign devoid of intimidation, the holding of elections, the installation of a constituent assembly and its formulation of a constitution to be accepted as the United Nations' *nunc dimittis*—all this and other provisions must be telescoped. On the plans, independence cannot in fact be achieved by December 31, 1978. Either the date must be postponed or the timetable changed.

The possibilities of either side shouting "foul" at any stage thus remains considerable. The western formula of "free and fair" elections is hard to pin down to realities in African conditions. But the alternative is continued war, terrorism, kidnapping, murder and mayhem. Every effort must therefore be made to carry this difficult act of international peacemaking and reconciliation through to a broadly acceptable conclusion. A heavy initial responsibility rests on the Secretary General to choose the right men for the job.

QUAL OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BEAT

hen Parliament passed the Sex scrimination Act 1975, it saw t to make distinct provision for e police service, which heads e very short list of categories dentified in the Act as "special ses". But the main practical ffect of this treatment was only o make it possible for female fficers to wear uniforms with irts and enjoy different pen- on rights. All discriminatory reatment in respect of recruit- ment or duties, it was ordained, had to end. As a result, the eparate women's police depart- ents concentrating mainly on rk involving women and child- n were dissolved, and women istables sent out on the beat, y and night, on the same terms their male colleagues.

There were warnings at the e that this prospect would er women from entering the ice at all in future. On the trary female recruitment has ained buoyant. Wage rates t seem low to men can appear y attractive to young women hout family commitments, and possibility of danger appar- ly does not daunt them. A rter of all staff in English and sh forces are now women, pared to 10.5 per cent in 1. Since women tend not to in the service as long as men, the proportion in the lower ranks that bear the brunt of patrolling on the streets must be higher still. As the chairman of the Scottish Police Federation, Detective Sergeant Fred Conner, said yesterday, many senior officers are reluctant to send women into possible danger. One force, Avon and Somerset, is considering setting up a separate women's section again.

Many policewomen would reject this unsolicited gallantry. They would claim that they are often able to restore order in a violent quarrel by taking advantage of the scruples most men feel about attacking a woman, without the implied challenge that the very presence of a male officer can create. The growing pressure from male officers for controls on recruitment of women is not unconnected with fears that a growing proportion of female workers will have the traditional effect of depressing wage levels. A satisfactory solution to the police pay dispute would do more to stem the wastage of experienced male officers than any change in the rules for recruitment. Nevertheless, it is reasonable to suppose that too high a proportion of women in a force must affect its ability to respond to the varied and challenging demands of modern peacekeeping, and throw an excessive burden on the men.

That is not to say that the proportion is already too high. In the nature of things it is difficult to prove that the quality of service is being affected by this one factor when so many others are involved. The present government, committed as it is to non-discrimination, would be unlikely to consider a change in the law without clear evidence of harm. But the maintenance of public order is so essential a task that warnings such as Sergeant Conner's should be carefully regarded. Nor would the cause of equal opportunities be served by any attempt by government to give it a higher priority than public safety. The laws against discrimination on grounds of sex will have been fully in effect for three years by the end of the year, and in its report this week the Equal Opportunities Commission promised that it would then be seeking amendments "to clarify and strengthen them". That might also be a convenient time for looking again at the application of the Acts to the police service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The supremacy of Community law

From Mrs Elizabeth Freeman

Sir, The position in this country regarding the supremacy of Community law is not as simple as Professor Hood-Phillips (April 21) would have us believe. It is certainly debatable whether it is "good British constitutional law" that our courts are bound to give precedence to a later Act of Parliament which is inconsistent with Community law. Instead it can be argued that so long as Britain is a member of the EEC, we are bound by its law, which provides (as the Simmenthal case confirms) that, in the case of a conflict with national law, Community law must prevail. Our courts must adhere to this doctrine of supremacy rather than to the traditional view of *lex posterior derogat priori* because of the new legal order of the Community which we have joined. Under this new legal order, certain Community laws penetrate directly into the member states without any need for incorporation, can be relied on by individuals and cannot be abrogated by the unilateral act of the national legislature.

If Professor Hood-Phillips is still not convinced, he should have a closer look at the European Communities Act itself. Section 2(1) provides for enforceable Community rights to be given direct effect in this country "in accordance with the Treaties". This means in accordance with the decisions of the European Court of Justice. Therefore, so long as the European Communities Act has not been repealed, English judges are bound by those decisions. It is not a sufficient answer to say that the European Communities Act is just another Act of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH FREEMAN,
Clare College,
Cambridge.

From Professor J. D. B. Mitchell

Sir, The only surprising thing about Professor Atiyah's letter (April 18) was his apparent surprise. It would, however, be unfortunate if any impression arose that somehow this major change was "slipped through". It is true that White Papers were not explicit. I called the first inscrutable, but at all critical times the change was made explicit. The Commission emphasized it in its favourable opinion in the British application as a prerequisite of membership (which could not have been attained without that opinion). Part I of the European Communities Act, 1972, made (with superb drafting) this change explicit, and the Commons debates make clear that Members knew what was there.

There is a current reason why lawyers should learn fast this concept of a hierarchy of norms which is politically essential to any union and practically useful to individuals. The same concept of the hierarchy of norms, of the relative precedence of various rules of law, will soon, with devolution, be of considerable domestic importance. The issue should be squarely faced, and Lord McLuskey's answer (your Parliamentary Report, April 19) does not suggest that it has. Indeed if, in the Scotland Bill, some of the techniques used to solve the problems at the Community level had been mirrored at the domestic level there could have been a great saving of lawyers' time and clients' money. I refer in particular to the procedures under Article 177 (EEC).

The "grin of the Cheshire cat" is admirable in literature, but it is unhappy when written by statute into judicial review.

I am, Sir
Your obedient Servant,
JOHN D. B. MITCHELL,
28 Murrayfield Avenue,
Edinburgh.

The naming of Colonel B

From Mr Reginald Maudling, MP for Barnet, Chipping Barnet (Conservative)

Sir, May I suggest that the practical difficulties of press reporting that have arisen from the case of Colonel B could be solved on the following principles?

Members of Parliament have complete immunity from any legal process based on anything they say in the course of Parliamentary proceedings. The only sanction that can be imposed upon them would be by the House itself. The immunity of newspapers publishing a fair and accurate account of what is said in Parliament clearly derives from the immunity enjoyed by Members themselves. There can surely be no question whatever of varying this principle.

But while MPs enjoy this legal immunity, they do not have the freedom to say precisely what they want to say without limitation. As individuals in the House of Commons, they are bound by the rules collectively established by the House, and they may not break these rules. This particularly applies in the case of a matter which is sub judice. The difficulty is that no one can tell what an MP is going to say until he has said it, and on present conventions once said it may be reported, although this may conflict with the sub judice rule.

It seems to me that an answer could be found in this way. When an MP breaks the rules, eg by calling another MP a liar, he is called upon by Mr Speaker to withdraw and he does. This in effect deals with the problem of allegation, but it does not deal with the problem of disclosure because the statement, although withdrawn, remains on the record and can be published. Would it not be possible for Mr Speaker on an occasion when an MP makes a disclosure which is in breach of the sub judice principle, and, therefore, of the rules of the House to rule immediately that this remark be expunged from the records and not, therefore, reported in the press, much as a judge can do at a trial in a court of law.

I suggest that such a system might solve the problem so far as the press are concerned. Of course the difficulty of simultaneous broadcasting remains, but the possibility of disclosure by MPs in the course of a speech of matters, eg sub judice or contrary to the national security, was presumably in the minds of those who decided that the proceedings of Parliament should be broadcast live. It is, at any rate, worth considering whether this difficulty should be reconsidered in the light of our new experience.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD MAUDLING,
House of Commons.
April 26.

From the Chairman of the Press Council

Sir, I read with interest the letter of Mr Garth Watson (April 26) on the so called Colonel B case. I agree with him that real freedom, whether of the press or of individuals, and indeed it is the same thing, depends upon the rule of law which is nowadays increasingly disregarded. And I agree with him that the Commons House of Parliament is most certainly not a superior court which can override the ordinary law.

But when he writes of "your specious leading article" and concludes, "If press and radio cannot act responsibly, live broadcasts must cease and only monitored recordings broadcast. If this should happen the press has only itself to blame" . . . he goes wrong.

This is to stand the present discussion on its head. In the case of Colonel B following the indication by the court that his name should not be published, press, radio and TV behaved with complete responsibility. Not a single editor of any national or provincial newspaper nor a single editor of any news or current affairs programme on TV or radio published the name. The new dimension in the related problems of privilege and contempt was introduced when four MPs in the House (no doubt with deliberate intent) named the Colonel and their words were broadcast.

What were press, TV and radio then to do? To censor their contemporaneous reports of Parliamentary proceedings? As Mr N. V. Lowe (April 26) points out this would not only have been undesirable but pointless as the information was publicly available in Hansard.

This is a difficult issue to resolve. It is not helped by misconceived attacks on the responsibility of the press, TV and radio. This is a case where the Commons House should ensure loyalty to its own rules.

Yours faithfully,
HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, Chairman,
The Press Council,
1 Salisbury Square, EC4,
April 26.

From Mr J. L. Oxlade

Sir, You say that *The Times* has an overriding duty to provide full and fair reports of parliamentary proceedings.

Who imposed that "duty" on *The Times*? If there is truly a duty, as distinct from what you like to think is the case, is it never to be qualified save by Parliament's own decision to sit in secret? Whatever its merits, the conclusion of your leading article of April 22 is, in the proper sense of the word, one of irresponsibility.

If, as you put it, the naming of the colonel by four individual members was a clear attempt to undermine the legitimacy of two sets of trials and nothing less than an attack on the rule of law, can you convincingly justify your own publication on the ground that Parliament (sic), as the highest court in the land, has in effect overridden the prohibition of a junior court?

Yours faithfully,
J. L. OXLADE,
2 Ridge Park,
Purley,
Surrey.
April 24.

Extracts from the 'keelhaul' files

From Count Nikolai Tolstoy

Sir, I cannot see what service is performed by your publication (April 21 and 22) of long extracts from an anonymous report in the newly released "Keelhaul" files. Headlines like "British soldiers 'fought unarmed Russians'", and "Russian prisoners 'were shamelessly deceived'" can only trivialize the tragedy, to which "Operation Eastwind" formed a melancholy epilogue.

The fact is that the anonymous report quoted at such length is almost entirely untrue from beginning to end. To provide but a few examples: there were no American troops present at Rimini to take part in the alleged battle; there were no French observers present; no British or American troops were killed or wounded; no British parachute battalion was involved; the repatriated prisoners were not provided with German uniforms; and none of them fought with their guards.

I heard recently from Denis Hills, who informs me that this report was the work of an Uniat priest who had been in the camp at Rimini, but who was not present at the time any of the alleged incidents took place. It was Denis Hills's task to draw up the report required by the War Office for Mr Mayhew's reply in the House of Commons. As he says now, "since I was unaware of 'incidents' during the rounding up of the prisoners in Rimini enclave and their transportation by truck to Riccione railhead I naturally had no reason to invent them in my report . . . "

A glance at the relevant pages of my *Victims of Yalta* would have provided ample confirmation of the accuracy of Mr Hills's recollections, and it is therefore quite untrue to suggest (as does your report) that Mr Mayhew "was misled about the violence". The perpetuation of this canard can only distract attention from the real issues at stake. May one not rather enquire again why those officials who really did deceive Ministers and the public, and whose policy over a number of years resulted in unspeakable barbarities, remain so silent?

Yours faithfully,
NIKOLAI TOLSTOY,
Gable House,
Parbrook,
Near Glastonbury,
Somerset.

Delivering milk

From Mr Allan Spink

Sir, The news that the Milk Marketing Board is on the EEC blacklist, so to speak, is one of those minor irritants constantly thrown up in order, it seems to undermine the support of those of us who favoured entry into the EEC.

The high sales and excellent distribution of milk in this country is surely one of our post-war success stories. It is an example of a system which, whilst perhaps violating the laws of the market place, seems to have kept producers, distributors and consumers relatively happy.

Whatever the economics of the argument, it seems to me that neither the social costs of a change (old age pensioners struggling home from the shops with bottles of milk as I have seen abroad) nor the social benefits obtained at present from a speedy door to door service by our cheerful milkman enter into these calculations. I hope our representatives will continue to support and fight for our right to maintain the present system.

Yours sincerely,
ALLAN SPINK,
64 Rectory Way,
Ickenham,
Uxbridge, Middlesex.

A shorter working week

From Mr D. G. Layton

Sir, For some time you have been spotlighting low productivity (for example, your leader of April 8) as the most serious problem afflicting the British economy, and trade unions' restrictive practices (your leader of April 20) as its main cause. I believe you are right on both counts, though both management and government must accept some responsibility for their failure to convince the unions of the adverse effects of low productivity on both pay and employment.

On April 19 your Labour Editor reported the decision of the Scottish TUC (influenced, no doubt, by fraternal addresses from Mr David Basnett and Mr Moss Evans) to campaign for a shorter working week as a means of creating more jobs. This seems to me to illustrate, vividly and depressingly, the naivety of trade union leaders. It can be taken for granted that they would not expect their working members to accept lower wages in return for shorter hours.

So, when some of their unemployed members were recruited (at the same rates of pay) to fill the "working hours gap", the inevitable result would be a larger wage bill for the same amount of work. This, in turn, would lead to a decline in competitiveness, lower exports and higher imports—in other words, reduced demand for industry's products, lower investment in new plant and machinery, and a worsening balance of payments. Unemployment would be higher rather than lower. Who would be better off, except our overseas competitors?

Yours faithfully,
D. G. LAYTON,
33 Cranborne Avenue,
Eastbourne,
East Sussex.

Sociology and terror

From Professor S. F. Cotgrove

Sir, Psychology is also among the subjects read by terrorists. What conclusions does Mr Sargent draw for the continuation of his psychology laboratory? Terrorists also come "for the most part from the upper or upper middle classes". Does he suggest that they too should be eliminated?

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN COTGROVE,
Professor of Sociology,
University of Bath,
Claverton Down, Bath.

e Windscale inquiry

n Dr Brian E. Wynne

As the amateur advocate who ented Professor Radford to the iscale Inquiry for Network for ear Concern, may I be permit- n make some brief observations he replies to Radford from Sir ard Pochin (April 12) and Dr n Mole (April 21)?

Edward quite fairly observes the question of cancer risk esti- s is one for the relevant ists to adjudicate. It is not a er of popular vote, but then ssor Radford never suggested it was. Pochin and Dr Mole pour polite scorn on the idea scientists debating in public n. Yet at the Windscale Inquiry whose Tribunal Sir Edward d, scientists were asked to ate" in a public forum, and Sir ard has not as far as I am aware, cized that or any other aspect he Windscale Inquiry.

rthermore, in choosing to focus eply to Radford on the chal- of a public debate, Sir Edward gnored the main substance of ord's letter, much of which was criticism of the Tribunal's oach to the issue of the con- ng cancer risk estimates given adford on the one hand and CRP on the other. Sir Edward a senior member of the ICRP joint author of its recently re- standards. I personally re- silent on the question of Sir rd's role, except to say this, t that criticisms were advanced veral parties at the Windscale ry, of ICRP risk-estimates and tion standards (and whether or these criticisms were correct, were surely legitimate) it is to e least unfortunate that Justice er was effectively put in the ion of being required to sit in men of his only technical sor in that field. Had the ry been conceived in less s there would have been the rtunity of a pre-Inquiry hear- where the likelihood of criti- of the ICRP (and therefore ast indirectly, of Sir Edward in) would have been signalled in advance. Sir Edward, Justice r, and the objectors and their ties like myself who advanced lems of the ICRP were placed reat difficulty and in conse- e investigations of ICRP stan- were unsatisfactory, regardless ether Justice Parker was right ly upon them.

is not to impugn the personal rity of Sir Edward Pochin to say that any scientist of his eminence in a policy related field of science will by virtue of his very position have formed views and made commitments which overlap into policy questions. In retrospect it would have been more constructive to have had a wider range of views reflected in the expert panel of assessors. If this were to lead to the production of a Report which was an authentic reflection of the Inquiry (and possibly inconclusive in itself) as opposed to a document which justified a particular decision, this would have been a virtue. Given that the object of the exercise was officially at least, to make the relevant facts public, and to inform a political debate, the former would surely have been more appropriate in any case.

I make these remarks not to carp over the Windscale Inquiry, but as a contribution to possible similar events in the near future.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN E. WYNNE,
School of Independent Studies,
Lonsdale College,
University of Lancaster,
Bailrigg,
Lancaster.
April 24.

Nomadism in Africa

From Mr Jon Tinker

Sir, Sir Michael Blundell (April 24) makes an unworthy attack on nomadic pastoralism throughout Africa. Writing of the Ogaden Somalis and their migrations into Kenya, he says: "Always the drive for this southward advance has been the lure of rich grazing lands and water; always desolation, desert and bad land usage have been left behind them. The question poses itself whether in a free African continent the pastoral nomad can be accepted."

Since Sir Michael is a distinguished former Kenyan politician, his views on the Somalis—who have laid claim to much of the north-east part of that country—must of course be treated with respect, even if the terms which he uses are depressingly stereotyped. But his sweeping condemnation of nomadism over the whole African continent is singularly wide of the mark. As last year's UN conference on desertification showed, nomadic pastoralism is the only ecologically sustainable form of and use over the drier parts of the Sahel.

The grass on these arid pasturelands grows spasmodically in response to unpredictable rains, and nomadism or transhumance is the only rational exploitation of such a fickle resource. Settled livestock rearing or cultivation each puts too heavy a pressure on the land, and destroys the fragile layer of vegetation which alone binds together the sand. Certainly, the Sahel pastures are today under heavy strain. Vaccination programmes and new waterholes have increased herds beyond the carrying capacity of the pasture. Pressure from settled farmers has led to cultivation of soils too arid to sustain farming. The rocketing price of kerosene has accelerated a widespread felling of trees and shrubs for firewood. Overgrazing, unwise cultivation and deforestation all lead to erosion. "Desolation and desert" are not caused by nomadic pastoralism, but by its decay.

Independent African governments have inherited a mistrust of nomads from the colonial period—a view which Sir Michael's letter well typifies. To settled administrators this dislike seems well founded. Nomads tend to cross frontiers, evade customs, ignore taxes, and carry and be prepared to use weapons. But the only way—as last year's UN conference demonstrated — to exploit the arid parts of the Sahel without ecological catastrophe is to overcome this fear of the nomad and strengthen nomadic pastoralism. This involves preventing cultivation in the most arid areas; controlling the water flow from boreholes to stop an excessive local build-up of herds; and increasing the offtake of livestock by improving fattening-up, butchering and transport facilities.

Whatever the situation in Somalia, a strengthened and modernized nomadic pastoralism over most of Africa is not the destructive force Sir Michael Blundell would have us believe. On the contrary, it represents the only hope for many Sahelian countries. Without it, states like Mali and Sudan will never realize their productive potential, and nations like Chad and Niger may simply cease to exist.

Yours faithfully,
JON TINKER,
International Institute for Environment and Development,
10 Percy Street, W1.
April 24.

Relations with Albania

From Professor M. F. Smith

Sir, Mario Modiano's report (April 21) on improved relations between Albania and Greece prompts one to suggest that it is high time that we British sought friendly contacts with the Albanians and reestablish the diplomatic links which we severed 32 years ago.

Albania is small, but far from being politically, economically, and culturally insignificant. It is much changed, as I discovered on a visit last month, from the wretchedly backward country it was before the second world war. Advances in health, education, agriculture, forestry, mining, industry, and communications have been spectacular. To mention just one achievement, the electrification of the whole country was completed in 1970, and surplus electricity is exported to Yugoslavia.

France and Italy have embassies in Tirana. For how much longer is Britain going to wait? Until the USSR brings back a proudly independent nation into her empire?

Yours faithfully,
M. F. SMITH,
Department of Classics,
University College of North Wales,
Bangor, Gwynedd.

Warnings to kidnappers

From Mr Geoffrey Thompson

Sir, Mr Alexander-Sinclair (April 19) and Mr McNulty (April 24) have not pointed out a possible consequence of the policy, which the one proposes and the other rejects.

Should you wish to see the end of an imprisoned terrorist, whether because you are a rival in the same terrorist group, or belong to a different group, or believe that terrorists ought always to be executed and not imprisoned for their crimes, then all you have to do is to kidnap some fairly prominent person, indicate that you have done him some physical harm, demand the release of the terrorist and wait confidently by your radio for reports that the forces of law and order have eliminated him.

Yours faithfully,
G. THOMPSON,
72 Leyland Road, SE12.

The Leader of the Transkei Opposition party, Mr Cromwell Diko, is not in detention as was stated in a leading article on April 11.

Israel and Lebanon

From Mr M. Adams

Sir, Dr Abraham Marcus (Letters, April 24) is unhappy about the fact that Sir Geoffrey Furlonge, who is the Treasurer of CAABU, and yourself, as Editor of *The Times*, have joined in the widespread criticisms of Mr Begin and of his Government's actions in South Lebanon.

Writing as Chairman of the Media Committee of the Zionist Federation —which could not be described as a position of conspicuous neutrality —Dr Marcus accuses Sir Geoffrey of "a special involvement" and says that in referring to the Government of Israel as murderers his "sense of outrage is not entirely disinterested". I am sure Sir Geoffrey would agree—but the difference between him and Dr Marcus is that while Sir Geoffrey acknowledges a sense of involvement with the Lebanese civilians whom the Israelis slaughtered in such large numbers last month, Dr Marcus's involvement is with those who slaughtered them.

In the somewhat disagreeable insinuations he makes about yourself in the final paragraph of his letter, Dr Marcus seems unaware that your own strictures on Mr Begin and his Government were much more temperately expressed than those of other newspapers. *The Daily Telegraph*, for instance, observing that when the Israeli invasion of South Lebanon took place "this newspaper expressed understanding for the reasons for it advanced by Israeli Ministers", felt itself bound on April 13 to revise this view of an operation of which the *Telegraph* wrote that "In the conduct of the operation and its aftermath of continued occupation, Israel stands condemned". Similarly, the *New Statesman*, after remarking that Israel had not many friends left in the British press but that the *New Statesman* was "still generally numbered among them", said of the Israeli invasion of South Lebanon that "the whole operation was accompanied by an indiscriminate, wanton destruction reminiscent of nothing so much as the worst excesses of America in Vietnam".

In the circumstances it would seem wise for Dr Marcus and the Zionist Federation to adopt a somewhat lower profile for the time being.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ADAMS,
Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding,
21 Collingham Road, SW5.
April 25.

In search of a church

From the Reverend F. Barrie Flint

Sir, While agreeing with Father Grimley (April 24) in his strictures against the Roman Traditionalists who are happy to use illegal methods to secure what they regard as their right to retain the Tridentine Mass, one cannot help having a very great sympathy with them over this revolutionary and compulsive change in worship.

Here, in the Church of England, while more humane attitudes exist which permit the use of the Book of Common Prayer, there are very many Anglicans (and by no means only the older generation) who view our own situation with alarm. Up and down the country it is becoming increasingly difficult to find churches where 1662 is "available". We wonder if when the Revised Prayer Book is published, and the pressures from the top for its general use are urged, we who remain as Traditionalists, shall have to search far and wide to participate in the Celebration of Holy Communion as we have known it and revered it all our lives.

I believe that we are *not* an inconsiderable minority and as such our deeply felt needs must be safeguarded. In particular we find it offensive to address the Almighty in the familiar way of Series III; for hundreds of years we have become accustomed to pray in a form of language which we feel to be fitting for worship in that it is different from that which we use in everyday social intercourse. "*Thine* is the kingdom, the power and the glory."

Yours faithfully,
F. BARRIE FLINT,
Robins Croft,
The Crescent,
Tenbury Wells.
April 24.

Health administration

From Lord Campbell of Croy

Sir, On your front page of April 21 you reported the announcement in the Commons that the two tier system of "the health service" would be converted into a single tier by a Conservative government.

This does not apply to Scotland which already has a single tier system. It was adopted in the reorganization in 1972 of the Scottish health service, carried out through a Scottish Act of Parliament introduced by me, then Secretary of State for Scotland, a year before the reorganization in England and Wales. The single tier of health boards seemed appropriate for Scotland and has proved to be satisfactory.

At a time when particular proposals for devolving functions to new assemblies for Scotland and Wales are before Parliament, the existing scope for adopting different patterns should perhaps be more widely known. As the Scottish Minister of Health (among many other things), a Secretary of State for Scotland can chart a different course from that being pursued by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, provided that they act in close consultation with each other.

Although there are thus different systems North and South of the Border (as in other domestic fields), the UK medical profession appear to suffer no inconvenience. But they are very apprehensive about the proposals for devolving health matters in the Scotland Bill.

Yours faithfully,
CAMPBELL OF CROY,
House of Lords.
April 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE,
April 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon visited St Thomas's Hospital Medical School and opened the Prideaux Building.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 26: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of Barnardo's, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Royal Garden Hotel and presented the 1978 Champion Children of the Year Awards.

Her Royal Highness, as Patron of the London Festival Ballet, this evening opened the Company's new Headquarters, Festival Ballet House, in Jay Mews.

The Lady Anne Tennant was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 26: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present at a Reception at St James's Palace to mark the fiftieth Anniversary of the Grange Training Centre for the Handicapped at Bookham.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester opened the Solihull Library and Theatre this morning and was afterwards entertained to luncheon by the Mayor of Solihull.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the Townsend Garden Flatlets for the Girls' Friendly Society at Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Miss Susanna Cryer was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 26: His Excellency the Philippine Ambassador and Madame Stilianopoulos were entertained at luncheon by The Duke and Duchess of Kent today.

His Royal Highness, as Grand Master, this afternoon presided at the Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England at Freemasons' Hall.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 26: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a Gala Performance of *Annie* in aid of the Church of England Children's Society and the Elizabeth Fitzroy Homes for the Mentally Handicapped, at the Victoria Palace Theatre.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Professor Muriel Bradbrook, 69; Air Marshal Sir Charles Broughton, 67; Lord Brownlow, 79; Professor G. S. Graham, 75; Sir Robert Hall, 74; Lord Helsby, 70; Sir Tom Hickinbotham, 75; Air Marshal Sir Ronald Lees, 68; Sir Harry Melville, 70; Sir Alfred Norris, 84; Miss Sheila Scott, 51; Lord Taylor of Gryfe, 66.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Training Battalion and Depot, REME, Arborfield, Berkshire, 10.
Princess Anne attends commissioning of HMAS Otama, Greenock, 10.35; present prizes for champion livestock, Ayr Show, 2.30.
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends reception, London University Union, 6.45.
Princess Margaret visits Manchester.
The Duchess of Gloucester opens "the biggest jumble sale in the world" in aid of Save the Children Fund, Olympia, 2.30.
Princess Alexandra attends celebration concert given by Mid Glamorgan Youth Band and the Treorchy Male Choir in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, Rhondda Sports Centre, Ystrad, 7.20.
Antiques Fair: Alexandra Palace, 12-7.
Memorial services: Baroness Tweedsmuir of Belhelvie, St Margaret's, Westminster, noon; Admiral Sir Henry Moore, St Martin-in-the-Fields, noon.

Latest wills

Bequests to galleries and museums

Mr Robert Stirling Newall, of Salisbury, left £705,288 net. He left a number of articles to various galleries and museums.

Other estates include (net before tax paid: tax not disclosed):
Allison, Mr Harry, of Penrith, farmer £188,364
Davies, Mr Thomas Glyn, of Craven Arms £115,298
Hodgson, Brigadier Dante Edward Pemberton, of Chelsea £145,528
Parsley, Mr Charles David, of Stamford, caterer .. £116,973

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Mr Vasile Pungan, Senior Counsellor to President Ceausescu, of Romania.

Apostolic Delegate
The Apostolic Delegate gave a luncheon at the Apostolic Delegation yesterday in honour of Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The other guests were:
Sir Brian Cubbon, Mr J. D. W. Janes, Cardinal Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, Lord Goodman, Mr W. van Straubenzee, MP, the Bishop of Southwark, Count Henckel von Donnersmarck, Mr Desmond K. Mulvany, Dr Jack Dominian, Mr J. G. Pilling, Mr Dennis C. R. Paterson, Father John Crowley, and Mgr Mario Oliveri.

Law Society
The President of the Law Society, Mr Richard Denby, held a luncheon party at 60 Carey Street, yesterday. The guests included: Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Sir Denis Hamilton, Mr J. C. Stebbings, Chief Master Graham Graham-Green, Mr David McNeill, QC, Mr J. C. Palmer, Professor A. L. Diamond and Mr J. L. Bowron.

Rotary Club of London
Sir Clive Bossom, Chairman of the RAC, was guest of honour at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London, held at the Café Royal yesterday. Mr Bernard Downham, president, was in the chair.

Duncan, Gilbey and Matheson
Mr Mark Gilbey, Chairman of the Duncan, Gilbey & Matheson Group of Companies, gave a luncheon on Tuesday, April 25, at the Chesterfield Hotel in honour of Nana Kwame Kyeretwie, Apagyahene of Kumasi. Among those present were:
The High Commissioner for Ghana, Mr A. Appiah, Mr Colin Campbell, Mr I. G. Cummings, Mr K. T. Fuad, Mr A. C. M. Landsberg, Prince Ronald Muiebi, Mr R. Sempa and Mr J. Taylor.

Service luncheon

Blake Term, Osborne and Dartmouth 1916-1919
Eighteen members of the Blake Term, Osborne and Dartmouth 1916-1919, attended a luncheon yesterday at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. The senior officers present were Vice-Admiral Sir John Eaton, Air Marshal Sir Gilbert Nicholetts and Rear-Admirals H. P. Currey and McClean.

Viscount Simon, Sir John Wrightson, Sir Harold Harding, Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, Vice-Admiral Sir George Raper, Mr G. M. Binnie, Mr R. le G. Hetherington, Mr C. R. C. Turner, Mr A. R. Cantrell, Rear-Admiral J. G. Watson, Professor A. J. Harris and Dr A. A. Fulton.

Scriveners Company
The Scriveners Company held a livery dinner at Stationers Hall last night. The Master, Mr Keith F. C. Baker, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Lieutenant-Colonel A. Colin Cole and Mr G. D. Squibb, QC. The Master, the Dean of St Paul's, Sir Angus Paton, Mr J. P. Brooke-Little, Mr G. D. Squibb, QC, and Mr Desmond V. O'Meara, honorary clerk, were the speakers.

Dinners

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the following guests at dinner at the Mansion House last night:
Lord Clark, OM, and Lady Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Mrs Harold Lever, Alderman Sir Bernard and the Hon Lady Waley-Cohen, Mrs Louise Tyler, Mr and Mrs Peter Wilmot Sitwell, Mr and Mrs S. F. Heather and Mr St John Gore.

Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers
The Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers held a dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. Sir Ralph Freeman presided. Among those present were:

Service dinner

RNR
Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma was the principal guest at the anniversary dinner of the London Division, RNR, given by the chief petty officers and petty officers of the divisions on board HMS President last night. The guests were received by Captain P. S. Rees, RNR, and Chief Communications Yeoman R. J. Cotton presided.

Church news

Appointments
Canon R. Simpson has been appointed Archdeacon of Macclesfield to succeed the Ven F. H. House, who is to retire in August.
The Rev N. P. H. Bundock, curate of St Andrew's, Holt, diocese of Norwich, to be priest-in-charge of St Mary's, North Creake and St Mary's, South Creake, same diocese.
The Rev A. Dawkins, curate of St Martin's, Scarborough, diocese of York, to be priest-in-charge of Kexby with Wilberfoss, same diocese.
The Rev D. A. Edwards, organizing secretary for the Church of England Children's Society, dioceses of Manchester, Carlisle and Blackburn, to be Rector of The Resurrection, Manchester.
The Ven R. S. M. Eyre, Archdeacon and canon residentiary of Chichester Cathedral, to be also treasurer of the cathedral.
The Rev M. Hart, curate of St Alphege's, Burnt Oak, diocese of London, to be parish priest of St Luke's, Eltham, diocese of Southwark.
The Rev R. J. Redrup, curate of St Keverne, diocese of Truro, to be priest-in-charge of St Kea, same diocese.
The Rev G. F. Warner, Chaplain of Wellington College, Crowthorne, diocese of Oxford, to be Team Rector of the Caludon Team Ministry, Coventry.

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Funeral

Baroness Anastasie Mannerheim
The funeral service for Baroness Anastasie Mannerheim, elder daughter of the late Regent of Finland, Field Marshal Baron Mannerheim, was held at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Faversham, on April 24, 1978, followed by interment at St Mary's Church, Norton. The Prior, Father Edward Okon, OC, officiated, assisted by Father Edward Maguire, Provincial of the Carmelite Order, Father Patrick Geary, Father Gilbert Wijngaard, Father John Abrami, Master of Ceremonies, and the Rev William Hill.

The Finnish Government was represented by the Finnish Military Attaché, Colonel Nykänen. Among those present were Count and Countess Gustav Mannerheim and M and Mme Von Julin (cousins), Prince and Princess Andrew Romanoff, Earl and Countess Sondes, and M and Mme Gyllenberg.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. K. Curtice and Miss L. J. Riding
The engagement is announced between John Kevin, only son of the late Mr T. J. Curtice and Mrs Curtice, of St Austell, Cornwall, and Lisa Joan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Riding, of Brighton, Sussex.

Mr P. E. Gawne and Miss S. R. Green
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr E. P. Gawne, and the late Mrs A. Gawne, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Sheila, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. B. Green, of Eastwood, Nottinghamshire.

Mr J. P. Hawksfield and Miss C. V. Halford
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. Hawksfield, of Gussage All Saints, Dorset, and Christine, youngest daughter of Mr M. C. S. Halford and Mrs J. E. Halford, of Creaton, Northampton.

Mr G. Montfort Beeb and Miss R. E. Millington
The engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Montfort Beeb, of Broxmead, Cuckfield, Sussex, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Douglas Millington, of 278 Rocky Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham.

Mr G. S. C. Mossop and Miss A. C. R. Kimpton
The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Commander H. C. C. Mossop, VRD, and Mrs Mossop, of The Post House, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, and Ann, younger daughter of Colonel H. F. C. Kimpton, CBE, of Clarence Gate Gardens, London, NW1, and the late Mrs Margery Kimpton.

Mr C. H. Page and Miss R. A. Dowling
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Major-General and Mrs C. E. Page, of Church Farm House, Old Bosham, Sussex, and Robin Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Dowling, of 5 Cottenham Park Road, Wimbledon, London, SW20.

Keen competition for German silver at Christie's spring sale in Geneva

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Mrs How, the London silver dealer, paid the top price of 165,000 Swiss francs (estimate 60,000 to 100,000) or £45,454 for a seventeenth-century Augsburg tea service in Christie's big spring silver sale in Geneva on Tuesday night. The service comprises teapot, caddy, sugar box, slop-basin, six tea-bowls and saucers and six trefid spoons.

The simple, finely proportioned pieces are of silver-gilt engraved with scrolling foliage, cherubs and other delights. They are the work of Johann Cristoph Treffler, of Augsburg, and date from about 1690. The entire set weighs 2.09kg.

While the price was well beyond expectations, all the German silver was keenly competed for. The most extraordinary item was a silver-gilt wager cup made by Meinrad Bauch the Elder, of Nuremberg, in about 1590 which made 100,000 francs or £27,548. The maker specialized in the combination of exotic materials with silver. This piece is formed as a woman, her skirt scaled with mother-of-pearl, who holds in her hands two coral supports for the cup itself, a silver-gilt-mounted trochus shell.

Other high prices included the 65,000 francs (estimate 35,000 to 45,000) or £17,900 for a pair of Louis XV table candlesticks by Alexis Loir, of Paris (4.25kg). A large and handsome Louis XVI silver mirror frame made 50,000 francs (estimate 40,000 to 60,000) or £13,774. The sale totalled £545,520, with 20 per cent unsold. A large Empire dinner service by Biennais failed to find a buyer and was bought in at 90,000 francs or £24,793.

Sotheby's two-session sale of Old Master and modern prints yesterday included a group of rare Stubbs engravings. Two reached £8,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000), the highest auction price on record for a Stubbs print. One was "A recumbent leopard by a tree", the other "A sleeping leopard".

Of the group only "A horse frightened by a lion" sold below expectations, at £2,700 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000). It was an impression of this print sold in 1973 for £5,600, that previously held the price record.



A German silver-gilt wager cup of about 1590, which brought £27,548.

The Old Masters generally sold at high prices. Rembrandt's "The three trees" made £15,000 (estimate £13,000 to £20,000), and a set of Piranesi's "Vedute di Roma" (128 plates only) £14,000 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000).

The afternoon session contained a group of rare Edvard Munch woodcuts, only some of which sold. "Mondschein" of 1896, printed in colours, made £17,000 (estimate £17,000 to £19,000) but "Abend am Strand—Melancholie" was bought in at £11,000 (estimate £11,000 to £15,000).

A fine impression of the second state of Picasso's famous "Repas frugal" went to Tunick of New York at £20,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000). The day's sale made £421,035, with 13 per cent unsold.

Christie's two-session sale of objects of virtu in Geneva on Tuesday and Wednesday totalled £442,146, with 30 per cent unsold. A modern solid gold chess set, the pieces modelled in Normanic style, went to Koopman at 89,000 francs (estimate 85,000 to 95,000) or £24,517; it comprises 11.7kg of gold. A collection of eighteenth-century enamel snuffboxes were sold at prices ranging from 400 to 3,600 francs; the top price, 3,600 francs (estimate 500 to 2,000) or £991, was for a snuffbox decorated with maps of how the battle of Zorndorf was fought.

Christie's London sale of books made £105,642, with 6 per cent unsold. The top price of £7,500 (estimate £7,500 to £8,000) was paid for eight volumes of Daniell and Ayton's *Voyage round Great Britain*, 1818-25.

A sale of paperweights and objects of virtu held by Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Tuesday made £224,109, with 50 lots unsold. A furniture sale at Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday made £37,427, with 10 per cent unsold, and a furniture sale at Christie's South Kensington £44,138, with 6 per cent unsold.

Export of third Canaletto delayed

By Our Arts Reporter

A third Canaletto from Warwick Castle has had its export licence withheld for three months in the hope that a public collection can raise £219,072 to keep it in Britain.

The painting is "Warwick Castle: the south front". Yesterday's announcement coincided with news from the Victoria and Albert Museum that it is putting up £30,000 towards the purchase price of the second of two Warwick Castle Canalettos which the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery hopes to acquire.

The museum has given £137,500, half the purchase price, to secure the first of the two Canalettos for the Birmingham Gallery.

Its offer of £30,000 towards the second will not be of much assistance, a gallery representative said yesterday. The export suspension expires on May 11.

The gallery has got Birmingham Corporation to underwrite half the cost and will go to public appeal to recoup the amount. It had hoped the Government would provide half the purchase price, as it did with the first painting.

Another painting that has had its export licence withheld for three months by the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art is Roger van der Weyden's "Portait of Antoine, Grand Bâtard de Bourgogne", priced at £600,000.

Maxwell Davies gets Arts Council award

By Our Music Reporter

The Arts Council has awarded Peter Maxwell Davies the commission fees for an orchestral work to be performed by the London Symphony Orchestra. He has not started the composition, but it is tentatively scheduled for performance in the 1979-80 season.

He will provide another work for the orchestra next spring.

Other awards from the Arts Council have been offered to Brian Ferneyhough, for a work commissioned by the London Sinfonietta, and to the composers Geoffrey Burgon, Robert Saxton, Justin Connolly, Sebastian Forbes and Wilfred Josephs.

Exhibition of 1930s group

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

An exhibition based on the work of the artists, sculptors and architects who formed the short-lived Unit One group in the 1930s is to be staged next month by Portsmouth Museum and Art Gallery.

Some of the original exhibits have been borrowed from private collections and museums, and where those were not available similar works of the same period are to be displayed.

In all there will be 35 paintings, eight pieces of sculpture and 12 architectural photographs.

Paul Nash launched Unit One in a letter to *The Times* in June, 1933; it came after correspondence on the debate on nature and art. The subsequent exhibition opened in London and toured the provinces, receiving wide critical and popular acclaim.

Its members, in addition to Nash, were Wells Coates and Colin Lucas, the architects, Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth, the sculptors, and Edward Wadsworth, Ben Nicholson, Frances Hodgkins, Edward Burra, John Bigge and John Armstrong, the painters.

The exhibition, which is part of the Portsmouth Festival, will run from May 20 to July 9.

Vets urged to campaign for animal welfare

By Our Veterinary Correspondent

The time has come for the veterinary profession to reassert its voice in the field of animal welfare, Mr Philip Brown, chief veterinary officer of the RSPCA, told a conference on veterinary education in London yesterday. He reminded his colleagues that the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876, largely came about as a result of insistent demands from the veterinary profession.

There was widespread and growing public concern, he said, for animals reared in intensive husbandry systems, but remarkably few veterinary voices in this country were being raised in protest.

It seemed that animals had to be harmed physically before we were prepared to say that a system did not equate with proper animal welfare.

In contrast, the Danish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with seven veterinarians among its 15 council members, was striving to enforce a law forbidding the production of eggs in battery cages, even though Danish farmers protested that they would be at a disadvantage.

Mr Brown said it was necessary for all those organizations seriously interested in animal welfare to come together in Europe. But to achieve results extraneous issues had to be pushed into the background.

The welfare societies should not be providing more clinics or homes for cats and dogs. If anything, we needed fewer pets, and more responsible ownership of those remaining.

Too much money was being used for stray and unwanted dogs.

Marriages

Mr R. J. Hay and Mrs A. P. Forcey
The marriage took place in London on April 21, 1978, of Mr Robin Hay and Mrs Patricia Forcey, of 39 Marmion Road, London, SW11.

Captain S. A. F. Mitchell and Miss C. K. R. W. Smith
The marriage took place on April 22 at All Saints' Church, Bolton Percy, York, of Captain Simon Mitchell, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Mitchell, of Trull, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, and Miss Clarissa Smith, younger daughter of Mrs Geoffrey Smith, of Oxton Hall, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, and the late Mr Geoffrey Smith, the Bishop of Hulme, the Rev G. Holland, Canon J. Norman and the Rev R. Miles took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Humphrey Smith, wore her grandmother's gown of cream silk brocade.

She was attended by Emma, Mary Rose, Fiona and Edward Bromet, Harriet and Richard Maitland, Rebecca, Miranda, Mark and James Mitchell, Paul Reeves and Charles Wood. Mr Michael Mitchell, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Memorial service

Colonel G. R. Westmacott
A memorial service for Colonel Guy Westmacott was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday. The Rev R. T. J. K. Wood officiated. The Marquess of Abergavenny read the lesson and Dr Brian Smith gave an address. Among those present were:
Mr and Mrs R. V. C. Westmacott (son and daughter-in-law), Mr I. R. Westmacott (son), Mr and Mrs Michael Westmacott and the Hon Peter and Mrs Ward (grandchildren), the Hon Reginald and Mrs Winn, the Hon Mark and Mrs Wyndham, Mrs A. Fawcus, Mrs E. Remington-Hobbs, Commander G. R. Westmacott, Mr William Westmacott, Mr and Mrs R. K. Westmacott, Miss Melissa Wyndham, Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill.
The Earl of Listowel, Viscount Blakenham, the Dowager Viscountess Allendale, Viscount Ingleby, Joan Viscountess Ingleby, Viscount and Viscountess Gage, Lord and Lady Rupert Nevill, Lady Hothfield, Lady Altrincham, the Hon Philip Kindersley (Lingfield Racecourse), the Hon Mrs John Mulholland, the Hon Anthony Grigg, the Hon Mrs Bridge, the Hon Mrs Dawnay, the Hon Alan Hare, the Hon Mrs Everard de Lisle, Sir Rudolph de Trafford, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Sir Reginald Macdonald-Buchanan, Mr and Mrs John Grigg, Mr Rory and Lady Elizabeth More O'Ferrall, Mr and the Hon Mrs Edward Cazalet, Mr A. Tyser (Horace Westmacott Noble) and the Hon Mrs Tyser, Mr and Mrs W. Lloyd, Major and Mrs D. R. FitzGerald, Mrs Brian Smith, Mrs Berkeley Stafford, Mr and Mrs John Metcalfe, Mrs Merton Beckwith-Smith, Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Mr and Mrs Mark Baring, Mr John H. Thursby, Mr Ronald Aird, Major David Mills, Mr H. J. Joel, Mrs C. Sutcliffe, Mr Fred Winter, Mr John Fortescue, Mr Peter Hicks, Major Hamish Forbes, Major-General E. H. G. Goulburn, Mr Jamie D'nsworth, Mrs Peter Cazelet, Mr L. H. Russell, Lieutenant-Colonel Miles Reid, Captain Derek Savile, Major G. Wyatt (Jockey Club), Major-General M. F. Dealin (president, Grenadier Guards Association) and Mr R. W. Edwards (Anderson and Co), Mr and Mrs L. A. Bond, Mrs J. O'Brien, Mr Jeremy Fisher, Mr R. E. Fraser, Colonel A. D. C. MacAulay, Mr A. V. Cowen, Mr Peter Wetherby, Mr Anthony Courtauld, Mr W. Lewis, Mr R. D. Hollingsworth, Mr J. H. Bavitt, Mr J. W. Warwick, Mr John Schilizzi, Mr A. M. Heding, Mrs A. Trustman.

Meeting

Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies
Sir Harold Atcherley, Chairman of the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay, addressed members of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies and their guests yesterday. Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris was in the chair and among those present were:
Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, Generals Sir Charles Harington, Sir Hugh Beach and Sir Edwin Bramall; Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, Sir Arthur Hockaday, Lieutenant-Generals Sir Robert Ford and J. C. C. Richards; Air Marshal J. Gingell, Mr Alastair Jaffray, Major-General P. Blunt, Commodore B. Ela (Norwegian Defence Attaché), Captain Patrick Glennie, RN, Brigadiers A. Trythall and H. B. C. Watkins and Group Captain R. Barnden.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, April 27, 1953

Home Guard birthday

There are two reasons for believing that the post-war Home Guard, which tomorrow celebrates its first anniversary, is beginning to recover from its slow start. The first is that the number of volunteers is steadily rising in spite of frugal publicity and some political sniping; 1,500 new members are joining each month, and the total now has reached nearly 29,000 or roughly one-third of Mr Head's target. The second is that in the best Home Guard units the force is now successfully tapping the generation which fought in the active army in the recent war and thus taking in new blood. The need now is to introduce still more of the younger men in their forties and to make it much more widely known that today's Home Guard affords a useful as well as companionable field of service to men not needed for the active forces in the opening months at any rate of any new emergency. The case for a flourishing Home Guard today is strong. With both the Regular and the Territorial Army earmarked for oversea duties in the event of war, the defence of Britain against parachute troops and saboteurs must fall on the Home Guard's shoulders or on nobody's.

OBITUARY

MR ROGER PARKINSON

Prolific military historian

M. E. H. writes:

Roger Parkinson, whose death was announced on April 22, was a dedicated and prolific writer on military history. At an early age he had determined to become a military historian, and chose to read for a General Degree at King's College London, since this was the only undergraduate course in the country that included a War Studies component. He subsequently became a journalist, serving as Defence Correspondent with *The Scotsman* between 1964 and 1971, before returning to King's to take an MA in War Studies. Then he courageously became a free-lance writer, opening his career with the work for which he best deserves to be remembered; a popular but thoughtful biography of Clausewitz, the first in the English language. His talents indeed were best deployed as a biographer: his studies of Blücher, Moore and Auchinleck ... sympathetic and inform... But he also did a val... service for a wider ran... readers with his lively ... volume record of ... government and strateg... Second World War, base... the minutes and memoran... the War Cabinet and its ... mittees, which must have ... his colleagues many ... hours in the Public Re... Office.

Parkinson was one of ... able military writers who ... fered from the lack of po... his subject in British ... versities and colleges. In ... to keep afloat he had to ... more books than he would ... wished and write them ... hurriedly. But all his work ... characterized by readabili... common sense, and he ... basically a fulfilled man, ... what he had always wishe... do, and doing it well.

MR GEOFFREY MARLAR

Mr Geoffrey Marlar, MBE, Headmaster of Whitgift School, Croydon from 1946 to 1961, died on April 24 at the age of 77.

The son of J. F. Marlar, he was educated at Brighton College and Selwyn College, Cambridge, where he read history and law, and having first contemplated either the Army or the law as a career, he finally took up teaching. After two headmasterships—at Moulton and Lichfield—he was appointed to Whitgift a year after the end of the last war, when restrictive austerity dominated everything, including education. However, in the face of many difficulties, during the next 15 years he raised the school's aims, expanded its activities and facilities, and enhanced its reputation.

It was by the force of his personality and of his presence, and by the interest he took in individuals, whether boys or members of his staff, that he inspired those who worked with and under him. An outdoor man, primarily, he had been a good games-player himself and encouraged prowess in his pupils. He made no claims to be an intellectual but he respected high intelligence provided it was allied with humility and tolerance. His hor... were as wide as the oppor... ties that began to present ... selves. He immediately ... creased the importance ... music and the arts ... school life; he esta... and developed the Sixth F... to meet the challenges of ... time, yet appreciated fully ... dangers of excessive speci... tion both in the arts and n... sciences.

Above all it is by ... humanity and his power ... spire respect and affection ... he will be remembered ... ties that spurred a desi... excel. Even-tempered an... good terms with all, he w... mere dictatorial figure-hea... could administer a well-des... rebuke without incurring re... ment; discipline there was ... it was acceptable; a high ... dard of behaviour was exp... by him, but it was a stan... one therefore approved of ... a speaker he displayed a ... felicity of expression that ... vated his audience, wh... they were boys, parents o... boys—and those old boys ... had preceded him were a ... those who held him in ... warmest affection.

He leaves a widow, a son ... Robin Marlar), and a dau...

MR E. D. MACKINTOSH

Mr Eric Donald Mackintosh, CBE, JP, DL, a former chairman of John Mackintosh and Sons, the confectioners, was found dead outside a block of flats in Mayfair, London, yesterday. He was the third son of John Mackintosh, the firm's founder.

He was educated at Halifax New School and Manchester University and joined the company in 1925. Four years later he was appointed managing director of the firm and became chairman in 1965. In 1969 when the company merged with Rowntree's of York, he became joint deputy chairman of Rowntree Mackintosh Limited. He retired in 1973.

Mackintosh was a former chairman of Tom Smith and company, Christmas cracker manufacturers, and the East Anglian Trustee Savings Bank. During the war he was director of the Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery division at the Ministry of Food. He was also a former treasurer and past-president of the Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance.

He was made a CBE in 1946 and had been a JP, Deputy Lieutenant and High Sheriff of Norfolk. He married in 1928, Gwendolyn, daughter of H. L. France. They had two sons and one daughter.

SIR GUY HARRISON

Sir Guy Harrison who was formerly chairman of Harrison & Sons Ltd, the printing concern, died on April 21 at the age of 92. Educated at Sevenoaks School he spent a year with James Spicer & Sons before joining the family business of Harrison & Sons. In 1920 he became a director of the company and was chairman from 1946.

He was president of the London Master Printers' Association 1931-32, president of the British Master Printers' Association 1933-34, and president of the Printing & Allied Trades Research Association 1952-56. He was chairman of the Joint Industrial Council (Printing & Allied Trades) 1939-45 and a Master of the Stationer's Company 1948-49. He was also a governor of North Western Polytechnic from 1947 to 1957. He was knighted in 1951.

He married, first, in 1907, Cicely Ann, daughter of H. N. Vicat. They had one son and one daughter. His wife died in 1957 and he married, in 1958, Iris, daughter of E. R. C. Hall.

MRS M. HUNTLE...

Mrs Maureen Huntley ... early pioneer in the playg... movement, died on Apri... She was 47. Mrs Huntley ... employed by one of the ... community based playgrou... their supervisor in the earl... ties, and spent the next ... years helping and encoura... other mothers to set up an... playgroups for their childr... underprivileged areas of ... mouth.

She worked in a volu... capacity for many years a... Hampshire representative ... the National Executive o... young Pre-school Playg... Association. After a brief p... as PPA Playgroup Advis... Hampshire, Mrs Huntley ... appointed as one of the ... Training and Develop... Officers for PPA ... Southern Region in Dece... 1972. In this post she he... the growing number of ... groups to gain a sense of ... part of a large movement ... a valuable contribution to ... not just a stop gap until ... was sufficient state nursery ... vision.

In 1976 she became a Nati... Adviser to PPA, and car... the philosophy of parent ... volvement in the care and ... cation of their young chil... through community run ... groups to a wider audience.

M JOSEPH DELTE...

M Joseph Delteil, the ... troversial French author, ... died in Montpellier, at the ... of 84.

Born in the Limousin ... April 21, 1894, Delteil joi... the Paris surrealists in ... 1920s. Co-author with ... Dreyer, of the scenario ... Dreyer's silent film of ... *Passion of Joan of Arc* (19... which was based on his Fen... prize winning *Jeanne d'Arc*, ... left the surrealist camp to ... come an early cultural upbo... from his retreat near M... pelier of what later was to ... known as "Negritude", ha... married Caroline Dudley, ... producer with Josephine Ba... of the Paris black revues.

A master of pungent langu... and literary conformist, ... teil never failed to scanda... his critics while earning ... praise of, among oth... Claudel, Montherlant, ... Mauriac. Largely silent dur... the war and after, the rebel ... him found his tongue ag... after the intellectual revolt ... 1968. His last book, *Le Sa... Corps*, a collection of writi... old and new, appeared sho... before his death.

Science report

Engineering: Challenge to use of metals

The engineer uses four types of material when designing devices or structures that must undergo stress. They are metals, polymers, ceramics and glasses. Hitherto, metals or metallic alloys have dominated engineering practice (although wood, a composite of two polymers is, of course, used all over the world). But the dominance of metals may be challenged in the next 20 years, according to Professor Michael Ashby, of Cambridge University, in a review paper on engineering materials. Theoretically it would be possible to go on using lower and lower grade metals far into the future. But in practice the costs and the strategic location of resources make it more attractive to look to non-metallic materials as replacements.

Engineering materials can be categorized crudely by four quantities: the modulus, or how much they deflect under load; the yield strength, or how far they deflect before distorting permanently they toughness, or how difficult they are to fracture; and the melting point. For most engineering purposes materials must not yield, fracture, bend too much or melt, and metals and their alloys fulfil these requirements tolerably well, although in some cases they have probably reached their limit.

Professor Ashby points out, for instance, that nickel-based alloys used in gas turbines have been developed to allow the operating temperatures to rise from 50°C in 1950 to 1,050°C at present. That has led to greatly increased efficiency, but now the melting point of nickel stands in the way of further advance, and blades based on other metals have proved disappointing. So engineers are naturally turning to other materials, especially as they offer weight advantages.

At the same time, questions are being raised about how much longer we can continue to dig metals out of the Earth. Quite apart from the uneven distribution of resources, which allows political questions to intrude, there comes a time when the price of extraction begins to deter exploitation. It is commonplace that estimates of world resources generally err on the pessimistic side, and that the Earth's crust actually contains vast amounts of most elements, though in very dilute form. But extraction of those dilute deposits would consume large quantities of capital and energy and so be totally uneconomic. Thus both for economic and engineering reasons the future is likely to be in replacing, where possible, metals and alloys. The snag is that ceramics, glasses and polymers often lack some of the desirable properties listed above.

Take polymers, for instance. They are tough and do not yield easily, but they have a low modulus, so generally bend much more than is desirable. The reason for that is fairly well understood. Polymers comprise long molecules in which a simple pattern repeats itself many times: carbon is a dominant material in the chain. A material such as bulk polyethylene, or polythene, looks halfway between a perfectly aligned parallel set of chains, such as a packet of spaghetti, and a totally random accumulation of chains, such as cooked spaghetti on a plate. The chains are partly folded around each other; the only cohesive forces then are between chains, not along chains. Those forces are weak, hence the material bends easily.

There are various ways of countering that. One is to find polymers in which the cohesive forces between the chains are stronger. Another is to draw, or extrude the material very carefully as a fibre, thereby using the much stronger forces along the chains. But a third way is to mix in a stiffer material to form a composite. Wood is such a composite, with stiffer cellulose fibre aligned in one direction and embedded in the amorphous lignin. Glass fibre is another: 20 per cent of glass threads embedded in epoxy can stiffen the latter by a factor of 10.

But the threads do more than simply make the material stiffer; they can add substantially to the material's toughness or resistance to fracture. For if a crack starts, it can proceed only by pulling fibres out of the epoxy in which they are embedded. The fibres' resistance to that adds greatly to the toughness.

Research is now being directed towards the use of carbon fibres—and even a mixture of fibres with different properties—in composites. Professor Ashby reckons that such composites, although they have first appeared in military aircraft, may well be used for the wings and tails of commercial aircraft before the end of the century.

Some composites are already in civilian use. Modern telephones are made of rubber-toughened polystyrene. The rubber does not add to the stiffness of the polystyrene; in fact it reduces it. But the main threat to telephones is not that they bend easily but that they are always being dropped—so resistance to fracture is more important. The tiny rubber spheres in the polystyrene fulfil rather the same function as the fibres in glass fibre in resisting fracture. When a crack starts it can only expand by stretching the rubber spheres through which it passes. But rubber can distort to a very high degree without breaking, so the spheres act as a clamp, as it were, discouraging fracture.

Ceramics, such as porcelain, brick and concrete, also fracture very easily; so easily in fact that it might seem foolish even to consider them for many engineering purposes. But they have many advantages: they are light, cheap, chemically stable, have high moduli and yield strengths, and can often be used at temperatures well above 1,000°C. So there are good reasons for finding ways of increasing toughness. Just as for polymers, the incorporation of rods and wires helps: one example is reinforced concrete. But there are other types of ceramic composite used in very different ways, such as the cermets used in cutting tools. Cermets consist of very small ceramic particles (tungsten carbide is the commonest), separated by a thin metallic film (usually cobalt).

The modulus depends mainly on the dominant material—tungsten carbide—and so is high. The yield strength is surprisingly high too, because, although the cobalt by itself would yield easily, flow is strongly inhibited by the presence of the tungsten carbide particles which block movement. And the toughness of the cermet, a weak point in ceramics by themselves, is much enhanced because any local fracture in a tungsten carbide particle runs straight into cobalt, which does not fracture at all easily. So a composite material of high modulus, yield strength and toughness has been made. Professor Ashby points out that few of the possible composites of that sort have yet been explored.

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Big drop in US trade deficit strengthens dollar and sets share prices climbing

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 26

America's balance of trade deficit in March was well below the record level registered in February, adding strength to the dollar and share prices in the New York markets, while also adding support to Treasury contentions that the trade position was improving.

The deficit was $2,780m (£1,544m) on a seasonally-adjusted basis, compared with a deficit in the previous month of $3,516m. The Department of Commerce reported that exports rose by almost $1,000m to $10,912m while imports declined by $745m to $13,692m.

It was, however, still one of the largest monthly deficits on record. The deficit for the first quarter of this year totalled $9,675m, compared with a deficit in the same 1977 period of $6,210m.

The Treasury forecasts that the monthly balance of payments figures will improve over the rest of the year, and as a result the trade and current account deficits will be around the same levels for 1978 as they were for 1977.

Also it predits greater equilibrium in global balance of payments patterns, due largely to a $10,000m cut in the surplus on current account of the oil-producing countries to around $20,000m to $25,000m, a declining trend in the Japanese surplus and an improving trend for the American accounts.

Predictions for the United States are based in part on expectations of a significant upswing in activity in the European economy, which will strengthen American exports, but some economists doubt whether this upswing will really emerge.

Moreover, they note that the economy performed badly in the first quarter, and this could have dampened import demand.

The strengthening of the domestic economy in coming months, which is being widely predicted, could result in still higher imports and a further worsening of the trade balance.

In the first quarter of this year exports have increased by just 2 per cent compared to the first-quarter 1977 level, while imports have gained by 10 per cent.

The strength of the dollar appears to be the single most important influence on the stock market now, with brokers having taken in their stride the modest tightening in monetary policy by the Federal Reserve Board.

Fears of another record high trade deficit resulted in some declines in share prices early today, but the market rallied strongly once news of the improvement was released.

By noon the Dow Jones industrial share price average was ahead by 4.94 to 838.53 points. It has gained by over 70 points since April 13. Volume was again heavy, with over 20 million shares changing hands on the New York Stock Exchange in the first two hours.

To some extent the Commerce Department's emphasis on reporting the trade figures on a free alongside ship basis provides a better impression of the figures than may be justified.

Many foreign countries report their figures on a cost, insurance and freight basis and if this is applied to the American data, the deficit in March amounts to $3,650m, after the February deficit of $5,457m. The total first-quarter deficit is $12,263m.

Union anxiety over 418 lost jobs in region with 12 per cent unemployment

Flooding forces Wheal Jane tin mine closure

By Michael Prest

Wheal Jane, the Cornish tin mine owned by Consolidated Gold Fields, is to be closed, with the loss of 418 jobs. Pressure on the Government is expected from the Transport and General Workers' Union and Mr David Penhaligon, the local MP, to keep the mine open. Unemployment in the area is 12 per cent.

Consolidated Gold Fields says the closure was precipitated by a rise in the water table caused by the closure last week of another tin mine, the Wellington Mine. Discussions between the group and the Government, on extra finance to keep the Wheal Jane open broke down, as did negotiations with Wellington on taking over that mine's pumps and headgear.

The problem is that Wellington pumped out 7 million gallons of water a day and Wheal Jane 4.5 million gallons a day. Operating the Mount Wellington pumps would have cost Wheal Jane £500,000 a year. Mr Peter Tress, a director of Consolidated Gold Fields, said: "Mount Wellington wanted us to buy their shaft and pumping gear if we wanted to use it. The price they asked for it was way above what we could possibly have been prepared to pay."

Wheal Jane has been losing money since 1975. But Lord Erroll of Hale, chairman of Consolidated Gold Fields told the annual shareholders' meeting in November last year: "It really does look now as though we may well be getting on the right side of our problems with regard to Wheal Jane."

The group admits that the volume and quality of the ore has been disappointing since the mine was opened in 1971. By 1976 production had fallen to just over 1,000 tons a year, and an "exceptional" provision of £2.8m was made. In April that year an agreement was reached with the Department of Industry to provide long term finance to secure the mine's future.

No funds under this agreement were in fact drawn down, though Consolidated Gold Fields has itself sunk about £5m into developing deeper seams. Nevertheless, last year production was only 750 tons. As the tin price slumped from more than £7,000 a ton to £6,000 the mine ceased to be merely marginal and became a potential loss-maker for as far into the future as could be seen.

The group expects to write off about £5m from the closure. Also, earlier debts to the Department of Industry amounting to £600,000 will have to be repaid.

Mr Penhaligon is expected to ask the Government why Wheal Jane cannot be kept going with temporary employment subsidies, which he estimates could give the company £450,000 a year.

The company says that in discussions it was clear the Government did not see any value in keeping ope na mine that was likely to be unprofitable.

US urged to modify policies on shipping

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

A fresh effort by the governments of Europe and Japan is to be made this week to persuade the United States to modify shipping policies they see as increasingly damaging to Western interests.

They fear that the present spate of United States attacks on the conference system is playing into the hands of the Russians in their attempts to break into world liner routes with cut-price ships at the expense mainly of established Western lines.

A meeting is to be held in Washington towards the end of May in which for the first time representatives of the "Consultative Shipping Group" of established shipping states of Europe and Japan will press their views at a round-table conference with the United States.

It is the result of a long series of individual protests by CSG countries which have been largely ignored. The United States administration will be told of profound European disquiet at current American shipping trends, including grand jury proceedings against lines in the Atlantic trades, and various legislative moves aimed at the conference system.

Mr Karl Sager, of Germany's Hapag Lloyd Group, said in London yesterday that the weakness of the conference system in the United States trades had already been cleverly exploited by the Soviet Union and further moves against conferences by the American Administration could only play into Soviet hands.

Mr Sager was speaking at a press conference organized by CENSA (Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners Associations) to launch a new independent study which finds last year's critical study of the conference system by the United States Department of Justice as "factually incorrect" and "an all-out effort to discredit liner conferences".

The study, carried out by the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, was financed by CENSA but was absolutely independent, Professor Alistair Couper, UWIST's Professor of Maritime Studies, declared.

Professor Couper said it "totally contradicted" the Justice Department's study, finding instead that conferences, especially those with tighter control, promote stability on world liner routes.

"No one has come up with an alternative system that would serve world trade as efficiently and cost-effectively", he said.

BICC to sell $53.1m General Cable stake

By Nicholas Hirst

BICC, the leading United Kingdom wire and cable group, intend to sell its 20.1 per cent holding in the United States company, General Cable, for at least $53.1m (£29.3m).

Under an agreement entered into in 1970 when BICC and General Cable agreed to buy holdings in each other, BICC has given General Cable 90 days in which to buy the shares itself or find a buyer, at $18.50 a share.

Companies in the United States, unlike those in Britain, are permitted by law to buy their own shares. General Cable said yesterday it had not yet decided whether to buy the shares at the price offered, which is a premium of $3 over the current market value.

General Cable and BICC whose chairman is Mr C. H. Broughton Pipkin, had exploratory talks to find a way of agreeing on the sale, which might have involved GC getting rid of its own 8.2 per cent holding in BICC.

General Cable, however, informed BICC last week that it could not agree to a possible purchase agreement which had been jointly formulated during the talks. BICC therefore decided to offer the shares for sale anyway.

If General Cable fails to buy them within the 90 days, which expires on July 24 BICC has a further 120 days—expiring on November 22—in which it may sell at the same or a higher price to any buyer. BICC is confident a buyer can be found if necessary.



Mr C. H. Broughton Pipkin: exploratory talks failed.

The British group paid £27.8m for its holding, eight years ago, but as a result of a write-off of goodwill in 1976 this now stands in the balance sheet at only £20.8m. It decided then to take only the dividends from GC into its accounts. In 1977 these totalled £1.9m.

Recently General Cable bought a company called Sprague Electrical for $60m, made an offer for another group at $110m, and sold its power cable interest for $60m to Pirelli, a major competitor of BICC, which feels it was not consulted about these changes in strategy.

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German warning for UK on plane link-up

From Peter Norman
Bonn, April 26

Britain has been warned against any unilateral cooperation deal with the American aerospace industry.

Herr Martin Grüner, West Germany's special coordinator for the aerospace industry, issued the warning without referring specifically to the suggested cooperation between British Aerospace and the Boeing company of Seattle.

Herr Grüner said that Europe must present itself as united and speaking "with one voice" when seeking partnership with the United States.

Speaking for the West German Government at the opening of this year's international air display in Hanover, he said previous experience of negotiations with the United States on cooperation in building civil aircraft only confirmed that bilateral projects had never been successful.

"If the European aircraft industry presents a united front, it is in the position to bring a respectable dowry into the much-discussed transatlantic marriage." On the other hand, unilateral deals made by individual companies would devalue rather than strengthen this dowry.

While Herr Grüner refrained from mentioning Britain by name, he did not hesitate earlier in his speech to urge Britain to join the European airbus consortium.

The consortium, Airbus-Industrie, must be built into a company that worked on an economic scale in a European context, and represented a European identity rather than individual national ambitions, Herr Grüner argued.

"This European goal and economic common sense dictate the coopting of the British industry into Airbus-Industrie and a comprehensive coordination between the partners of France, Britain, The Netherlands, Germany and elsewhere in Europe."

Bonn and Paris pressing for decision on airbus

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Britain will be pressed by France and West Germany shortly for a decision on whether they want to rejoin the European airbus project at government level.

At the moment British Aerospace, the nationalized aircraft industry, produces wings for the 300-seater A300 airbus, assembled in Toulouse, France, under contract. But the two major partners in the project are expected to offer full partnership.

Britain was a full member of the project until the early 1970s when the Government pulled out on the grounds—since proved false—that sales prospects looked poor. Over 100 A300s have been sold to airlines around the world.

Both France and Germany are anxious for a British decision on rejoining, as they approach the launching date for a new and smaller version, the B10, with 200-220 seats. Britain's "ticket" back into the airbus project would be to share the launch costs of the B10.

This country would not be expected to bear a part of the development costs of the airbus so far, as France and Germany had proposed at one point in the negotiations.

Airbus Industrie, the five-nation consortium developing the airbus, have made it clear that initial orders for as few as 25 B10s would justify a start, possibly by July 1.

British Aerospace is declining to negotiate with American companies while talks with Europe continue. But Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, has invited senior executives of the three leading United States producers of civil airliners—Boeing, Lockheed and McDonnell Douglas—to visit Britain shortly

Bank support eases sterling fall

By David Blake

The Bank of England had to go in on the foreign exchange markets yesterday to prop up the pound against pressure in both the immediately-traded spot market and the forward markets, where sterling is bought and sold for future delivery.

After dropping slightly in early morning business to 61.1 per cent of its 1971 level, sterling closed the day at 61.2 per cent on the effective rate—the same as its overnight close. The rate against the dollar fell fractionally to close 5 points lower at $1.8145.

The selling, which has affected sterling ever since the Budget, has been spread widely around the world, with no obvious source and no clear groundswell against the pound attributable to the authorities.

Conditions in the markets have been likened to dealing with a series of brush fires, with a new one breaking out whenever a source of selling seems to have been quelled.

So far, most of the authorities' concern has been concentrated on the turbulence in the markets rather than on actual movements in the rate.

After showing signs of easing on Monday, selling pressure stepped up again

Most of the Bank's activity has apparently been concentrated in the forward market, which some dealers believe is a sign that companies which will have foreign currency transactions in future months are buying overseas money now before the rate slides.

This phenomenon, known as leads and lags, can result in huge movements against a currency.

Even though sterling has fallen by 1.6 per cent since the Budget, some market sources estimate that the authorities will be found to have spent possibly as much as £1,000m on intervention by the end of this month. Though much of this would be in the forward market, there would not be expected to be such a large drop in the reserves as that would imply.

Market dealers are not too surprised by the pressure on sterling, but did not expect it to happen so quickly. They had generally looked to June as the time when it would develop—most probably as speculation about an election intensified.

John Whitmore writes: The continuing uncertainty over sterling made for another nervous day in money markets, with many rates hardening by about one quarter per cent.

Although the price spread on three-month Treasury bills of 6 31/32-7 3/32 suggested that minimum lending rate could be under some pressure as a result of tomorrow's weekly Treasury bill tender, the pricing was described as essentially defensive.

While the situation is considered extremely volatile and unpredicitable, the general feeling remains that the authorities would be most reluctant to see a further increase in MLR so soon after the rise announced in the Budget.

NEDC extends scope of Roll finance committee

By Bryan Appleyard

The National Economic Development Council has significantly revamped the Roll Committee to bring its work more into line with the industrial strategy.

Both City and TUC representation is to be increased and the official title is to be changed from the Committee on Finance for Industry.

Lord Roll, chairman of the merchant banker S. G. Warburg, will continue to chair the committee.

The move clearly indicates an expansion of the committee's influence and its role within the running of the industrial strategy.

Although its function is to report to the NEDC, its first task is to deal with a remit from Mr Harold Lever's committee on small businesses to look into the need for a bank loan guarantee scheme for small and medium-sized companies "which had exhausted their unsupported ability to borrow".

This remit will result in a report to the Lever Committee, and the Roll Committee has set up a working party under Mr Bernard Asher.

The trade union membership of the committee has been stepped up from three to four.

Mr Len Murray, Mr Frank Chapple and Mr Harry Urwin are stepping down and are being replaced by Mr A. G. Christopher, general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation; Mr Geoffrey Drain, of NALGO; Mr Joe Gormley, of the NUM; and Mr David Lea, assistant general secretary of the TUC.

Mr Alex Dibbs, deputy chairman of the National Westminster Bank, replaces Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of the Midland Bank, who is now on the main council.

Other new members on the committee include Sir Arthur Knight, chairman of Courtaulds; Mr E. S. Swainson, managing director of Imperial Metal Industries; and Mr K. G. Smith, director of pensions at Reed International.

Government Bill to lift BSC borrowing ceiling by £500m more than expected

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

In a surprise move the Government is asking for a ceiling of up to £5,500m on the borrowing limit of the British Steel Corporation. This is an increase of £1,500m over the present limit, where an increase of £1,000m had been widely expected.

The Goverament states that the increased limits were "well over the corporation's financing needs for about another three years"—although nothing, as experience shows, precludes the Government from coming back for more.

The figures were published yesterday in the Iron and Steel (Amendment) Bill which was given its first reading in the Commons.

The Bill had been expected today to accompany the Government White Paper and a BSC Document Prospects for Steel which will outline the corporation's intentions. The White Paper is the Government's answer to the Report from the highly critical Commons Select Committee on Nationalized Industries.

The Department of Industry had no immediate explanation for the Bill's unscheduled appearance, nor for the unheralded increase in the BSC borrowing limit.

The provision in the Bill allowing for a ceiling up to £5,500m would require affirmative resolution of the House of Commons—a practice common to Bills financing the National Enterprise Board and other government grants.

The Bill's explanatory memorandum states that raising the limit will enable Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, "to make the Corporation further loans and payments up to a maximum of £5,500m. Since the Corporation borrows some of the money required to meet its short term financing needs from commercial sources in the United Kingdom, less than the full £1,500m available may prove to be required. . . ."

It added: "Borrowings by the Corporation against the statutory limit at April 1, 1978, are estimated to be £3,070m and it is expected that the increased limits provided by the Bill will cover the Corporation's financing needs for about another three years".

The reference to three years re-emphasizes that the Government has, as Mr Varley intimated to the Commons shortly before Easter, drastically shifted away from long term planning.

The attempt is being made to shift to something like a private corporate approach, so that the restructuring of BSC's finances can be made flexibly, with continuous updating, rather than adherence to rigid and ruinously costly planning targets.

Germany aids Saar group

Bonn, April 26.—The West German Cabinet decided today to give financial assistance to the Luxembourg steel company Arbed to help it over the problem of rationalizing the loss-making steel industry in the Saarland.

Arbed will receive a special federal loan of DM200m (£50m) in five instalments between 1978 and 1982. The loan, equivalent to a grant, will give the company about DM48m a year over the period because of interest earnings on the cash.

Also, the Federal Government and the state of the Saar will guarantee borrowings totalling DM900m to be made by the Luxembourg steel concern.

Arbed plans to invest about DM1,300m in the Saar steel industry in the coming years in a rationalization programme expected to cost nearly 6,000 jobs in the period up to 1983.

At the same time, the Cabinet decided to give West Germany's struggling hard-coal industry an additional boost in the form of an annual investment subsidy of DM582m over the next four years.

Lloyd's rejects third outside bid for broker

Another attempt by an American group to take over an acting Lloyd's broker was rejected by the Committee of Lloyd's yesterday. Unlike the United States takeover proposals involving Leslie & Godwin and Wigham Poland rejected by Lloyd's last week, the latest proposal is understood to have involved one of the smallest private firms serving the market.

However, in a statement last night the committee said that it had applied the same rules it had laid down last week concerning the limitation of outside interests in existing firms.

Two further American proposals to buy control of Lloyd's firms have yet to be considered, but similar rebuffs now seem certain.

Spillers put back annual meeting

So that the accounts of Spillers should reflect withdrawal from bread-baking, the annual meeting has been put back until July 26.

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Earnings per Share Before Tax	32.3p	27.3p	+18%
Earnings per Share After Tax	28.2p	24.7p	+14%
Dividend per Share (Maximum Permissible)	4.00p	3.64p	+10%
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RECORD PROFIT

The sixty-ninth annual general meeting was held on 26th April 1978 in London.

The chairman, Sir John D. Barlow, Bart, reported—

The record trading profit of £752,000 for 1977 was 59% more than the previous year. The dividend was 75p per £1 share and was 50% more than last year, as the Company is free from the current limitations on dividends.

CAPITALISATION ISSUE

The capitalisation issue of 4 shares for 1 share held on 17th March was approved by members. The issued capital is now £1,045,470 in 10p shares.

The report and accounts and capitalisation issue resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Gerrard & National

DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED

Preliminary Statement

April 26th, 1978

Accounting period	Year Ended April 5, 1978	Year Ended April 5, 1977
GROUP PROFIT: The Company after providing for taxation and transfer to Inner Reserves	£4,603,000	£3,150,000
Subsidiary companies after providing for taxation and minority interests	£1,105,000	£260,000
	£5,708,000	£3,410,000
PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND on each Ordinary share of 25p	4.171p	4.816p
Already paid	4p	2.5p
Making a total of equivalent to	8.171p	7.316p
	49.52% (gross)	45.02% (gross)
Amounts absorbed:	£000	£000
By preference dividends paid	8	8
By ordinary dividends paid	1,234	1,095
Increase in consolidated carry forward	4,466	2,307

Transfer to General Reserve: £2,000,000 (1977: £500,000) has been transferred to General Reserve from the Inner Reserves which, after this transfer, now stand at a higher figure than ever before.

The proposed dividend on the Ordinary shares of 25p each which will be paid to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on May 19, 1978, is the maximum permitted under current legislation.

North Sea oil discovery by Occidental

Occidental Petroleum last night revealed a new oil find on Block 14/18 in the British sector of the North Sea, immediately west of the Claymore field.

The discovery well, which has been tested at the rate of 1,400 barrels a day is the first to have been completed under the fifth-round licensing agreement in which the British National Oil Corporation has a 51 per cent stake.

Further wells will have to be drilled to assess the discovery's commercial significance, and Occidental has applied to the Government for the necessary permission.

The discovery well is located just eight miles west of Occidental's Claymore production platform, and 28 miles west of its Piper platform, both of which are linked to the Orkney Islands by a 135-mile pipeline.

The Occidental subsidiary which made the find is operator for a group which includes BNOC, Occidental, Getty Oil, Thomson Scottish Petroleum and Allied Chemical.

How the markets moved

The FT index: 457.8 −2.9
The Times index: 197.55 −0.88

Rises

Bibby, J.	14p to 244p	Security Serv	6p to 102p
Blyvoors	18p to 330p	Southvaal	22p to 454p
Durban Rood	17p to 209p	Sunbeam W'sey	3p to 31p
Ldn Merch Secs	13p to 91p	Western Areas	14p to 167p
Libanon	10p to 450p	Wh'lock Mar	23p to 41½p
Nat of Aust	12p to 232p	Welkom	17p to 261p
		W Rand Cons	9p to 125p

Falls

Algnate Inds	5p to 275p	P'dilly Theatre	10p to 140p
Barclays Bank	5p to 340p	Racal	6p to 214p
Cater Ryder	5p to 280p	Rio Tinto	9p to 198p
FC Finance	7p to 73p	Rothschild	6p to 180p
Hay's Wharf	10p to 128p	Ruberoid	2p to 38p
Letraset	7p to 139p	Selection Tst	5p to 380p
Metals Explor	1p to 15p	Sunley, R.	4p to 170p

Equities fell back.
Gilt-edged securities lost ground.
Dollar premium: 109.5 per cent (effective rate 46.37 per cent).
Sterling closed at $1.8145. The effective exchange rate index was at 61.2.

Gold gained $0.50 an ounce to $168.375.
SDR-$ was 1.21970 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.671419.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1458.5 (previous 1452.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.67	1.61
Austria Sch	28.50	26.50
Belgium Fr	61.50	58.00
Canada $	2.11	2.04
Denmark Kr	10.77	10.27
Finland Mkk	7.97	7.62
France Fr	8.70	8.30
Germany Dm	3.95	3.73
Greece Dr	69.50	67.50
Hongkong $	8.80	8.35
Italy Lr	1605.00	1520.00
Japan Yn	435.00	410.00
Netherlands Gld	4.21	3.98
Norway Kr	10.23	9.78
Portugal Esc	78.50	73.50
S Africa Rd	2.04	1.90
Spain Pes	150.00	143.00
Sweden Kr	8.76	8.36
Switzerland Fr	3.74	3.52
US $	1.87	1.81
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.75	34.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED

INCREASED BONUSES TO C·I·S POLICYHOLDERS

At the 110th Annual General Meeting of the Co-operative Insurance Society Limited held in Manchester on April 26, 1978, Mr. H. A. Toogood, Chairman, reported:

"This is the last Report that I shall be presenting before my retirement from the Board of the CIS. It is natural, therefore, that on this occasion my thoughts should turn not only to the year under review, but also to the progress of the Society during the ten-year period for which it has been my privilege to serve as its Chairman.

Progress of the Society

In the last ten years, the Society's annual premium income has expanded from just over £80 million to more than £200 million and the total funds have doubled to reach their present amount of over £860 million. The growth in premium income has been much greater in the non-life insurance business than in the life assurance sections: in the former the premium income has increased fourfold to £91 million, whilst in the latter it has doubled to £116 million.

These different rates of growth show the effects of the high rates of inflation that have afflicted this country and have reduced the value of the pound to about one-third of what it was ten years ago. The non-life business consists almost wholly of annual contracts so that it has been possible to increase the premiums payable on the renewal of policies to cover the heavier cost of claims and the higher expenses of administering the business. The life assurance business, on the other hand, is composed almost entirely of long term policies and the premiums on existing policies cannot be increased. Although our new life assurance business has been buoyant, the CIS, like other long-established insurance companies, has not been able to obtain new business on a sufficient scale in a period of high inflation to keep the total premium income from new and existing policies growing in step with inflation.

Inflation and the threat that it presents to insurance business, particularly to life assurance business, have been a recurring theme of my previous annual reports and I find it very heartening that during the past 12 months the rate of inflation has been nearly halved, even though it still remains high by any standards other than those of recent years.

If inflation has any benefit for an organization like the CIS, it is to give us an added incentive to improve our operating efficiency. Insurance is a heavily labour-intensive industry and labour costs, including national insurance and pension costs, account for nearly 80 per cent of the Society's total operating expenses. In the interests of the policyholders, who have to meet the costs of running the business out of the premiums they pay, the Society has always sought methods of improving efficiency, but these efforts have been redoubled in the last few years as we have tried to soften the impact of inflation on our administrative expenses. Improvements have been made at all levels and in every area of the Society's business. There have been transfers of substantial amounts of work from manual to computer operation, simplification of administrative procedures, rationalization of our district office and regional office networks and a more effective use of labour by the adoption of new working systems. The effect is that although, over the past 10 years, the volume of business has grown, the total staff of the Society, including full-time agents, has reduced by over 20 per cent. This reduction has been achieved entirely by natural wastage and with the cooperation of the trade unions in the introduction of new working methods and the revision of staffing levels.

Nevertheless, despite the great efforts that have been made, the Society's expenses as a proportion of premium income are higher than they were 10 years ago, although it is gratifying that the proportion fell last year from its 1976 level. For some time it has been accepted by the trade unions that the Society can flourish and provide job security for its workforce only if it constantly seeks to improve its operating efficiency. With their co-operation further developments will take place and, in fact, during 1977 we began the introduction of a new computerized system of premium accounting for Industrial life business which will considerably reduce the amount of clerical work involved by comparison with the methods it will replace.

The better use of labour by the Society has not been confined to administrative methods but has extended to new business production. New types of insurance policies have been introduced and our sales training methods have developed greatly, with special courses being run for all grades of the Society's field force from full-time agents to district managers. The training and promotional work have borne fruit, particularly in life assurance where, as I mention in more detail later, 1977 was another excellent year for the Society for new business.

External matters

In addition to our primary preoccupation of conducting the business of the Society, the Board and management have had to involve themselves on a greatly increased scale during the last ten years in external matters which have, or might have, an impact on the Society. The most time-consuming have been in connexion with the great weight of new legislation, some relating specifically to insurance and some of more general application. Much of this new legislation has made great demands on the time of the management, both during the processes of consultation before new measures have been enacted and in the implementation of the new statutory requirements so far as they have affected the Society. All this has added materially to the expense of running the Society's business without, in my view, bringing commensurate benefits to our policyholders, our staff or the public generally. Certainly in regard to the new legislation regulating insurance companies, we believe that a different approach in the legislation could produce a more effective regulatory system at a much less heavy administrative cost than has resulted from the present system, which involves insurance companies supplying to the Department of Trade vast quantities of detailed information about every aspect of their business.

The Society's views on the supervision of insurance companies have been expressed to the Wilson Committee on Financial Institutions as part of the Evidence to the Committee from the Co-operative Movement. This Evidence also expresses our view on the question of the supply of funds to industry and trade. That view is, briefly, that the supply is adequate for companies that are able to use additional finance profitably, and there is no need for the public control of insurance funds or powers of direction of their investments. If the public interest requires that certain companies or particular projects should be supported even though they cannot attract funds in the open market, then the Government should use the methods already available to it so that any financial burden is borne by the community as a whole. We are implacably opposed to the creation of powers of direction of investment, which would lead to our policyholders' funds being used to finance projects that involve a greater risk of loss of capital or a poorer income than other investments available and thus impose a special financial burden on those policyholders, who come mainly from the lower income groups.

The C.I.S. and its policyholders

The C.I.S. is a true co-operative society and is proud to be part of the national and international Co-operative Movement. We take every opportunity to stress the co-operative basis on which we trade. The whole of the share capital of the C.I.S. is owned by the Co-operative Wholesale Society, which consequently appoints the C.I.S. Directors from the members of its own Board. Following the basic principles of co-operation only a fixed and moderate rate of interest is paid on the share capital of the C.I.S. and our business is conducted solely for the benefit of our policyholders, for whom the C.I.S. Directors act as trustees. We seek to offer contracts that meet all the policyholders' insurance needs in the most effective way; to operate the business as efficiently as possible; to invest their funds in the most remunerative areas consistent with the proper degree of security; and to apply all the profits for their benefit.

It was in my first annual report, in 1969, that I was able to announce the introduction of the system of terminal bonuses on life assurance policies becoming claims by death or maturity, which is now a well-established feature of our life assurance business and which in combination with the traditional reversionary bonus system, provides a fairer distribution of profit between policies taken out in different years. By a happy coincidence in this, my last annual report, I am able to announce the introduction of a system of discounts on the premiums payable on the renewal of motor insurance policies by individual policyholders who have insured their vehicles with us for more than a minimum qualifying period. This is a new arrangement that will enable these policyholders to benefit from the surplus that has emerged on this business and I give more details later in this report.

I now come to describe the results achieved in 1977 in each part of the Society's business.

Investments

The prices of stock exchange securities rose substantially during 1977 as a result of the great improvement that took place in the country's financial situation after steps were taken to bring the national finances under firmer control following the sterling crisis in the autumn of 1976. By the end of 1977 the interest returns obtainable on long-dated British Government securities were under 11½ per cent, as compared with 15½ per cent at the beginning. The general level of ordinary share prices increased during the year by over 40 per cent, both in response to the better financial climate and in anticipation of a resumption of growth in the economy which has, unfortunately, not yet materialized.

The property investment market was also active during the year and the interest yields obtainable on investments in the better types of existing tenanted properties fell to levels that could be justified only on optimistic assumptions about the future rate of growth in rents. The development of new properties continued to be restrained by the recent legislation concerning land usage and the taxation of development gains. There was, however, some recovery in activity during the year, particularly in the form of the renovation and improvement of existing properties where the taxation problems that might be associated with a complete redevelopment usually do not arise.

As regards the Society's investments in 1977, there were large additions to the holdings of British Government securities, made mostly early in the year by the investment of amounts that during 1976 had been allowed to accumulate on short term deposit because of the uncertainties at that time.

Over the year as a whole about half the new money becoming available for investment in the long term business fund was applied to the purchase of British Government securities, the remainder being invested, in roughly equal proportions, in ordinary shares and property. The property investments consisted almost wholly of the provision of finance for new developments or schemes of improvement of existing properties and there was a much-increased emphasis on industrial property.

In the general business and other funds, about three-quarters of the new money was invested in British Government and other fixed interest securities. The remainder, apart from a modest addition to the property portfolio, was applied to the purchase of ordinary shares.

The total income from investments was materially higher than in 1976, being £67.8 million as compared with £59.5 million. In the long term business fund there was a big increase in the income from British Government securities, which was attributable mainly to the larger size of the portfolio but also to an improvement in the yield on the portfolio. Ordinary share dividends also rose substantially, the higher dividends paid by many companies being an important factor. The increase in the investment income of the general business fund was due, in the main, to the larger income from British Government and other fixed interest securities.

One point about the statement of accounts that I should mention concerns the differences between the balance sheet relating to the Society alone and the consolidated balance sheet. These differences arise largely from the incorporation in the latter of the accounts of The Oldham Estate Company Limited, in which the Society has a 52 per cent interest. The principal difference is in the figure representing investments in land and property, which is much larger in the consolidated balance sheet because of the inclusion of the whole of the amount of Oldham's property assets as stated in that company's accounts.

In considering this figure in the consolidated balance sheet it is necessary to have regard to the interest in Oldham of its other shareholders, the amount of which is shown separately in the final item of the consolidated balance sheet.

Life Assurance

The premium income on new policies was £23.1 million, securing new sums assured (including the capital value of income benefits) of £729 million and new annuities of £0.5 million per annum. The new premiums were 20 per cent greater than in 1976, which was itself a good year for new business. This represents a very good performance by the field staff in a year when the general level of personal incomes fell in real terms.

The surplus on our life business has again shown an increase and I am pleased to announce improvements in our terminal bonuses which will result in substantial increases in the amounts payable on policies becoming claims by death or maturity before the next bonus declaration takes effect.

C.I.S. terminal bonuses do not depend directly on the level of market values of investments which are determined by the prices at which sales and purchases take place, but reflect primarily the increase in the net asset values of the numerous companies and properties in which we invest. These values again increased during 1977 and consequently we have been able to make further significant improvements in our rates of terminal bonus. In the Ordinary Section the terminal bonus varies from 0.5 per cent of the participating sum assured for assurance policies with four complete years' premiums due and paid to 91.5 per cent for policies with 48 or more complete years' premiums due and paid. In the Industrial Section the terminal bonus under the main tables varies from 0.4 per cent to 69.5 per cent.

Rates of reversionary bonus are maintained at 4.00 per cent for assurances and 7.00 per cent for pension annuities and retirement benefits in the Ordinary Section and at 2.50 per cent on the main tables in the Industrial Section.

The appropriate combination of reversionary and terminal bonuses is to some extent a matter of opinion. At the C.I.S. we consider that it is appropriate at present to place the emphasis on the terminal bonuses, thereby giving those whose policies become claims during the next 12 months a greater benefit than if the emphasis were placed on the reversionary bonus. Giving higher benefits on these policies seems appropriate in view of the caution which was necessarily exercised in the declaration of reversionary bonuses in the long period of economic uncertainty that we have been passing through. We feel that the flexibility of our system of combining reversionary and terminal bonuses means that we can continue to give a fair return on all policies becoming claims.

Motor Insurance

The premium income increased from £43.0 million in 1976 to £46.7 million in 1977, a rise of £3.7 million compared with the rise of £6.2 million reported last year, and the account shows an underwriting profit of £3.5 million.

I have referred in earlier reports to the fact that motor insurance premium rates have to be fixed well in advance of the claims which they have to meet. The wide fluctuations in the rate of inflation in recent years have shown how difficult it can be to decide upon the appropriate level of premiums to charge. The policy of the CIS has been, and will continue to be, to take a suitably cautious view of the future, since our most important function is to provide security and we have no intention of jeopardising that security by charging premiums which carry a material risk of proving inadequate.

Our practice of charging premiums determined on a cautious basis means that when there is a substantial fall in the rate of inflation, as has occurred recently, the motor account shows a considerable surplus. Since we are a co-operative organisation operating for the benefit of our policyholders we have thought it desirable to introduce a system which will benefit those policyholders whose premiums have substantially contributed to the surplus.

The benefit this year will be granted on all individual policies for motorists who have been insured with us for at least three years and whose policies fall due for renewal between 1st July, 1978 and 30th June 1979. It will take the form of a discount, under our well-established "points rating system", equivalent to one point (just under 6%). For the policyholders who qualify, this discount will substantially mitigate the increase in motor premium rates which, because of continuing inflation and generally rising costs, we are having to make from 1st July 1978, fifteen months after our last increase in rates.

In order to make provision for the effect of this new discount, which can be expected to vary from year to year, we shall be retaining an additional sum within the motor account. The amount retained as at the end of 1977 is £1.7 million.

Property Insurance

The premium income increased from £26.7 million in 1976 to £33.2 million in 1977, a rise of £6.5 million compared with the rise of £5.0 million reported last year. The account shows an underwriting loss of £1.0 million, although this is after the provision of £1.5 million for the reinstatement of the claims equalisation reserve, which was fully absorbed in 1976.

Last year I referred to the big increase in the number of claims for damage caused by subsidence, following the exceptionally dry summer of 1976. Subsidence claims continued to come in at a high rate in the early part of 1977 but the position has since improved. There were several periods of heavy storms during 1977, the most severe being those which produced extensive flooding in north-west England in November. Theft from domestic property has continued to increase and has now reached a disturbingly high level.

Other classes of Non-Life Business

The premium income from the remaining classes of non-life business increased from £9.4 million to £10.8 million and these classes produced an underwriting profit of £0.3 million.

Reserves

The general reserve, which at the end of 1976 stood at £30.6 million, has been increased by transfers of £2.4 million from the long term business fund and £5.5 million from the profit and loss account, thus producing a reserve as at the end of 1977 of £38.5 million. The total free reserves have increased from 41 per cent to 49 per cent of general business premium income.

Board and Management Changes

During the year Mr. A. E. F. Lovick retired from the Board of Directors and Mr. K. A. Tailby was appointed to replace him. Mr. Lovick has served the Co-operative Movement with distinction for over 50 years, and in fact, continues to serve it as Chairman of the Cumbria Society. He had two periods of office as a Director of the C.I.S., amounting in all to 26 years, and for four years was Chairman of the Society. We are glad to have had the benefit of his wise counsel and thank him warmly for his services to the C.I.S. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr Tailby who will, I am sure, make a valuable contribution to the conduct of the Society's affairs.

Mr. G. F. Richardson, Agency Manager, retired on 15th April. Mr. Richardson joined the Society as a full-time agent in 1935 and, after the war, progressed rapidly to become Deputy Agency Manager in 1957 and Agency Manager in 1963. His 15 years as Agency Manager have covered a period of wide changes in the organisation of our field staff and their systems of work and have seen the evolution of the sales training schemes to which I have alluded earlier in this Report. He has played an outstanding part in these developments and his boundless energy and infectious enthusiasm have been an inspiration to his colleagues and to all who have served under his leadership. We thank him for his great contribution to the progress of the Society and extend our warmest good wishes for a happy retirement. He is succeeded by Mr. N. C. F. Allen who was previously Personnel and Development Manager (Field Staff).

Conclusion

I approach the end of my period of service with some natural regrets at ending what has been an absorbing and challenging occupation but also with some modest satisfaction at the sound position of the Society.

The economic upheavals of the past few years resulted in one of the most difficult periods that the Society has experienced in its long history and it says much for those engaged in its affairs that it has emerged from these trials with its financial strength and ability to provide an efficient service to its policyholders not only unimpaired, but, in many ways, considerably improved.

It is with pleasure, therefore, that I express to my colleagues on the Board, including all those who have served with me over the years, my sincere appreciation of their loyal support, and to the management and staff my grateful thanks for all their endeavours. To Mr H. Seeley, Chief General Manager, in particular, to Mr A. Duval, General Manager & Actuary, and to Mr A. Cochrane, Secretary & Investment Manager, with each of whom I have been closely associated during the whole of my period of office, I wish to express my special appreciation of their invaluable efforts on the Society's behalf. I also wish to acknowledge the loyal support which retail societies have given to their own insurance society. In conclusion let me say that I have every confidence in the future successful development of the Society under the leadership of my successor."

The report and accounts were adopted.

EEC shipyard cuts plan opposed

By Philip Webster
Parliamentary Staff

Further evidence of the deep-rooted hostility in the shipbuilding industry to plans for any big cutback in United Kingdom capacity emerged yesterday.

Giving evidence to a House of Lords Select Committee considering the European Commission's plans for restructuring the European Economic Community's shipbuilding industry, representatives of British Shipbuilders and the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions expressed resistance to the proposal for a 45 per cent reduction in capacity throughout the Community over the next five years.

The proposal is part of a reorganization plan drawn up about seven months ago based on a draft by Commission experts under the direction of Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Commissioner for Industry.

Mr Alistair McDonald, international and government liaison director in the marketing division of British Shipbuilders, said that the Commission's diagnosis was correct.

This was that the crisis which affected all major shipbuilding countries arose from the imbalance between supply and demand. However, the measures proposed to deal with the present problems were irrelevant.

Mr McDonald disagreed particularly with the Davignon estimate of Community output in 1980 as being 2.4 million gross registered tonnes—a figure arrived at, he said, by a series of hypotheses.

The Commission had taken a forecast by the Association of West European Shipbuilders that world output in 1980 would be 12 million GRT and proceeded on the assumptions that non-OECD countries would maintain their output of 4 million GRT, that the balance would be shared between Japan and Western Europe, and that the EEC share of West European output would remain at 60 per cent.

From that series of hypotheses applied to the forecast they had come up with the 2.4 million figure. "We do not think this is a sensible way of setting policy", he said.

Mr McDonald said that traditionally the United Kingdom shipowners had taken about 80 per cent of United Kingdom shipbuilding output.

He estimated the longer-term requirement for British merchant shipping at about 1.2 million GRT.

Mr McDonald said that while the Community could play a coordinating role, national ermment support was the way of coping with the pr crisis.

"We are facing a price because of the price-cu policies being indulged i the Far East. We nee national government p that will help us get o against this sort of com tion."

Summing up the approac British Shipbuilders, he s "We know we cannot es some of the consequence the world-wide crisis, and t may well be reductions in output and employment in short term.

"We may have to a that, but our policy is to r mize these reductions to r the maximum capacity we Looking to the longer ter see no reason why we sh have a lower output than have at present."

Business appointments

Mr H R Moore becomes chairman of Molins

Mr H. R. Moore will be taking over next month as chairman of Molins, succeeding Sir Stephen Brown, who is retiring. Mr Moore is a director of Hill Samuel Group and chairman of Staveley Industries.

Mr C. C. F. Laidlaw has been appointed a director of Commercial Union Assurance.

Mr O. W. Andrews has been made managing director of Kleinwort Benson Property Management & Services and has accordingly resigned as secretary of Kleinwort Benson, Lonsdale and Kleinwort Benson. Mr P. E. Churchill-Coleman becomes secretary to both companies.

Mr R. E. Goodfellow is appointed chairman and Mr A. R. McIndoe vice-chairman of Chelsea Building Society.

Mr Frank Holloway has become a part-time member of the National Coal Board.

Mr J. W. D. Campbell, chairman and managing director of Mann Egerton, has been inaugurated as president of the Motor Agents Association in succession to Mr Norman Quick.

Lord Wolfenden becomes president of the Metropolitan Association of Building Societies.

Mr Derek Rogers has been appointed circulation sales director of Mirror Group Newspapers cial.

Mr Quentin Guirdham has been named a director of Streets Finan from May 1.

Mr Douglas Muirhead has been elected chairman of PA Management Consultants. Mr John Duncan joins the board.



Mr C. C. F. Laidlaw, a new director of Commercial Union.

Mr Arthur Hinchey has joined the board of Watney Mann National Sales as finance and administration director. He remains company secretary.

Colonel Guy German has been appointed honorary life president of Keeling & Walker, and Mr Godfrey Bostock becomes chairman in his place.

Mr W. C. C. Morrison has joined the board of Brownlee as a non-executive director.

Mr Wolfe J. Frankl has been made managing director of US Trust London.

Mr T. D. Scrase and Mr R. Morhison have been appointed to the board of Burma Mines.

Hard year for Scotland predicted

By Alan Hamilton

A particularly hard year for the Scottish economy has been predicted by a leading Glasgow economic research unit, with unemployment rising to as much as 210,000 by the middle of the summer.

The Fraser of Allander Institute for research on the Scottish economy, at Strathclyde University, in its latest quarterly economic commentary published yesterday, is undeterred by this week's figures, which show a welcome reduction of 10,000 to bring the Scottish unemployment pool down to 180,800.

The report holds out no hope for any radical improvement in Scotland's economic prospects during the remainder of 1978. Unemployment is expected to start rising again after May, possibly going as high as 210,000 in July before drifting down again to 200,000 in October.

Using a newly developed econometric model of the Scottish economy, the institute forecasts a growth of only 1 per cent in manufacturing output during 1978, a rise in the Scottish gross domestic product of only 0.4 per cent, and a fall of 5,000 over the year in the numbers engaged in manufacturing industry.

Arabs aim at economic integration

From Ann Fyfe
Dubai, April 26

Arab Monetary Fund governors, at their first annual general meeting in Abu Dhabi yesterday, heard Shaikh Hamdan bin Rashed, UAE Finance Minister, criticize the world's industrialized nations for failing to transfer wealth to developing countries suffering from balance of payments deficits.

The Arab Monetary Fund, modelled to some extent on a liberalized IMF concept, will lend solely to payments-deficit members whose automatic tranches at the IMF are exhausted.

Since half the AMF members are in high surplus payments situations, the fund will clearly effect such wealth transfers from rich to poor within the Arab world.

Longer-term objectives than financing trade deficits include promotion of the Arab dinar, in which AMF's capital is denominated, and speeding Arab economic integration.

Questions on the type of integrated Arab economy the fund will work towards in view of the ideological gulf between a number of its members are eschewed by Dr Jawad Hashem, AMF president.

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Reconstruction 'inadequa to relieve NFC of debt'

By Michael Baily

Financial reconstruction of the National Freight Corporation, now going through Parliament, was "inadequate" and would put the corporation at a competitive disadvantage, its annual report says. The Corporation, which improved trading profit by £9.1m to £13.5m but still made an overall loss of £9.5m last year, also reaffirms its "categorical opposition" to the forthcoming transfer of Freightliners to British Rail.

Financial reconstruction reduces the NFC's debt from £150m to £100m, but even the lower figure includes £40m not capable of earning any return, and on which fixed annual interest payments will have to be made, the report says.

To cover interest and o charges, NFC would have earn 15 per cent to break e an above-average return for road transport industry.

Freightliners was a "c hungry company" that wo demand high levels of in ment and quality manage and leadership. The wisdo changing direction and con is doubtful, and the Gov ment's decision noted "surprise and regret".

Last year's improved res were achieved by "swimm strongly against the tid National Carriers achieved first trading profit with improvement of £4.6m to £0. and the NFC's other su freight carrier, Roadline also moved back into pr with a £2m improvement



Certified Accountants

At the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Association, held in London at its new headquarters building in Lincoln's Inn Fields, on 26th April, the retiring President, Mr. L. F. Pocock in introducing the Annual Report and Accounts, said that in 1977 the Association had continued to break almost all its own previous records – membership now stood at some 19,000 and the financial surplus for the year of nearly £900,000 was the largest ever.

With the freehold purchase of its new building, the need for such large surpluses was now past, and it would be devoting more resources and energies in future to its other plans.

These plans include efforts to persuade the other five Chartered accountancy bodies in the U.K. to work more closely and economically together.

At a time when the profession urgently needed to respond quickly and effectively to various pressures, Mr. Pocock spoke with regret of the extra time, and cost, involved in its operating through 6 different councils.

He said that the Association was anxious to play its full part, over the next few years, in rationalising this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

The Officers for the coming year will be:—
President—Mr. E. R. Gibbs (in public practice)
Deputy-President—Mr. A. A. Pakenham-Walsh (Director, Graduate Course in Administration, University of Dublin)
Vice-President—Miss V. J. Di Palma (Tax Consultant)

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR	1977	1976
	£	£
Turnover	11,213,000	9,748,000
Operating profit	530,000	466,000
Profit before tax	601,000	415,000
Ordinary Dividends	114,000	96,000
Earnings per share	15.37p	10.63p

Recommended maximum permitted total dividend 4.15590p per share (1976–3.69511p)

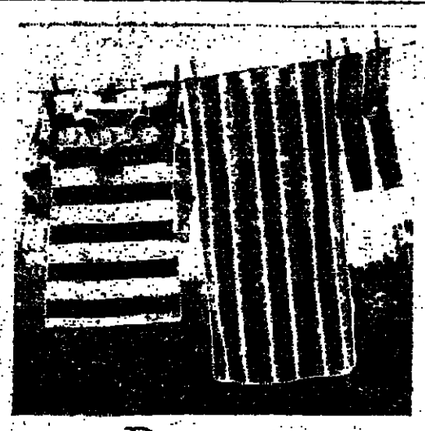
Comments by the Chairman, Lord Hewlett—

* A record profit for the second year running.
* Important contribution from overseas companies.
* In common with most enterprises in the chemical industry Anchor was finding the level of business in the first quarter of 1978 disappointing but it was much too early to state whether this trend would be likely to continue for very long. One thing was certain, thanks to recent investments, Anchor was well placed to take full advantage of any improvement in demand.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available after 29th April, 1978 from the Secretary, Anchor Chemical Company Limited, Clayton Lane, Clayton, Manchester M11 4SR.

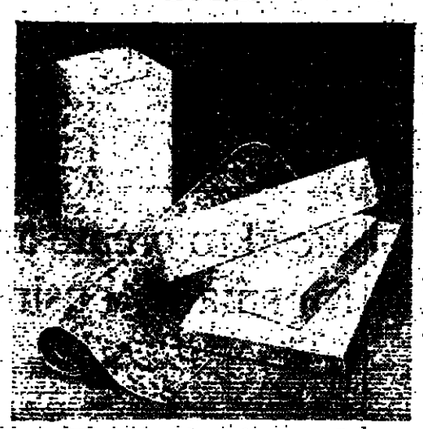
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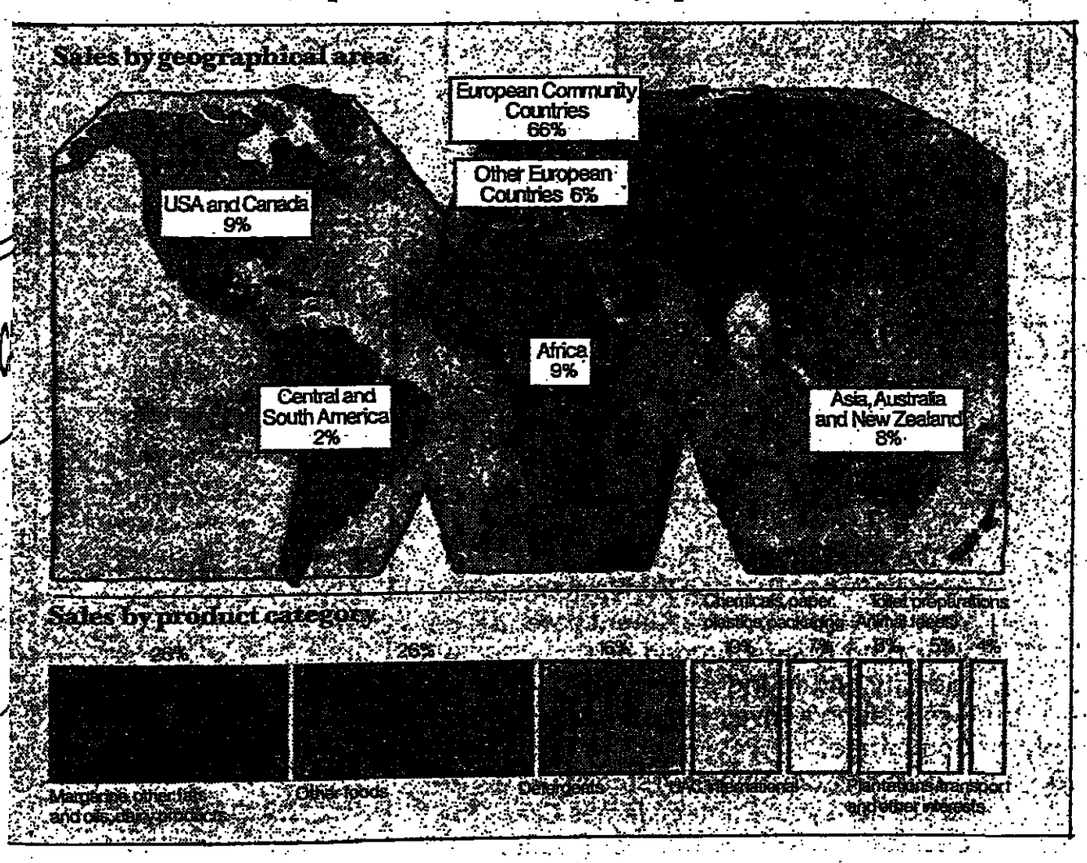
Unilever reporting on 1977

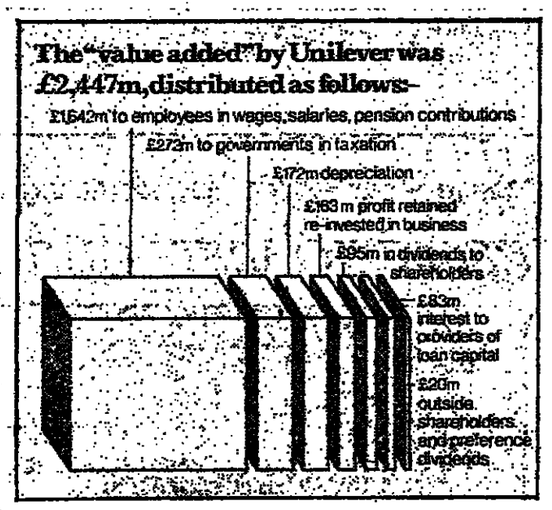
The year in brief

For the year as a whole sales rose by 11 per cent at comparable rates of exchange to £9,147 million, but this was entirely due to higher selling prices. We had satisfactory growth in the first half of the year, but not in the second half when economic conditions worsened, particularly in Europe. Additionally, the cold and wet summer affected some of our businesses unfavourably. As a result, profits in Europe for a number of product groups were below those of 1976 and margins were unsatisfactory.

In the United States, Lipton Inc. achieved good results but Lever Brothers had a difficult year. UAC International continued to do well and total results of other overseas countries showed a good improvement over last year.

Results were influenced throughout the year by the effect of the change in the shareholding of UAC of Nigeria. Based on a comparison with 1976 figures adjusted to show the effect of this change and at comparable exchange rates, sales for the year would have risen in value by 16 per cent, while operating profit for the year would have risen by 6 per cent.





National Starch and Chemical Corporation

On 11th December, 1977, a letter of intent was signed between Unilever United States, Inc. and National Starch and Chemical Corporation, Bridgewater, N.J. for a proposed acquisition of National Starch and, on 16th March, 1978, a definitive Merger Agreement was entered into. The total cost will be approximately $480 million.

Finance

Total net liquid funds remained substantial at £348 million at the end of 1977, but were down from the level at the end of 1976.

Capital expenditure was £138 million higher than depreciation. The working capital increase was lower than in 1976 because of lower raw material prices towards the end of the year, but was still substantial.

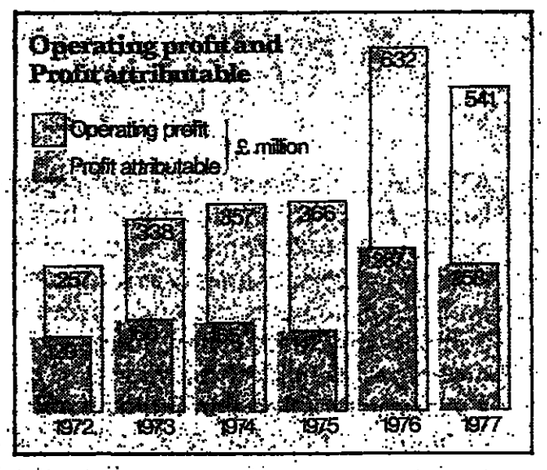
We spent £37 million on acquisitions; of these the most significant were A. Sutter A.G., a Swiss company specialising in industrial cleaning, and a majority share in Société Motta France S.A., an ice cream company. It is estimated that financing the acquisition of National Starch will increase our gearing, which was 29 per cent at the end of 1977, by some 6 per cent.

Prospects

At the end of 1977 the world economic outlook in general was not encouraging and it is difficult to see a significant change in 1978. We expect 1978 to be a difficult year for Unilever. However, with improving efficiency, we are well placed to take advantage of any upturn in economic conditions.

Employees

Inevitably our Report and Accounts concentrates on facts and figures. But the facts and figures arise from the continuous effort of our employees throughout the world. Our thanks are due to them for the way in which they have dealt with the difficulties of the past year and we know that we can place our trust in them for the year ahead.



Unilever

Unilever comprises Unilever Limited, Unilever N.V. and their respective subsidiaries which operate in seventy-five countries.
The Report and Accounts of Limited as usual combine the results and operations of Limited and N.V. with figures expressed in Sterling.
Copies of the 1977 Report and Accounts have been posted to shareholders and holders of debentures and unsecured loan stock of Unilever Limited.
The Annual General Meeting of the Members of Unilever Limited will be held in The Queen's Room, The Baltic Exchange, 14-20 St. Mary Axe, London EC3, on Wednesday 17 May, 1978 at 11 a.m.



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Shortage of production engineers hits industry

By Derek Harris

Efficiency and competitiveness in manufacturing industry have been hit by a shortfall of between 50 and 80 per cent in the number of professional production engineers needed.

This was emphasized yesterday by the Institution of Production Engineers (IPE) in its evidence to the Finniston inquiry into the engineering profession.

Unless remedies were applied there would be increasing damage to British manufacturing industry's international competitiveness, and that could lead to "still-avoidable industrial unemployment on a considerable scale."

Dr H. Peter Jost, PE president—an ardent campaigner for improving national wealth creation through increased manufacturing efficiency—is worried that much of British industry is not in a position to cope with major changes the IPE believes are coming in manufacturing management and technology.

The institute emphasized that "The relationship between industrial employment and efficiently-operated manufacturing industries cannot be overstressed."

It wants to see more government commitment to improving the prospects for manufacturing, but lays the blame for the shortfall in production engineers on a combined effect of the Robbins Report and new qualification requirements brought in by the Council of Engineering Institutions (CEI).

The effect had been to deprive industry of an important means of retaining or regaining operational production efficiency.

Because of Robbins's recommendations, suitably qualified school-leavers had a free choice of academic career, uninfluenced by the nation's manpower needs. The CEI had at the same time abolished as a route to professional grading the old Higher National Certificate, which allowed study while having a job in manufacturing.

A new qualification route was needed which did not demand the leaving of employment for full-time study, the IPE believed.

Retail trade inquiry

A new inquiry into retail trade is to be conducted by the Business and Statistics Office on behalf of the Department of Trade and other government departments this summer.

The inquiry will collect information about kind of shop, turnover, employment and selling space in 1977, concentrating on about 4,000 stores with a turnover of £25,000 or more.

Improving labour relations push Chrysler into first-quarter profit

By Clifford Webb

A remarkable improvement in labour relations at Chrysler's Linwood plant in Renfrewshire, has enabled the struggling motor company to move into profit for the first time since the British Government rescued it two and a half years ago with £162m of loans and guarantees.

Yesterday Chrysler announced a first quarter profit of £264,000 (after tax). This compares with losses of £42.9m in 1976 and £21.5m last year. The British taxpayer was called upon for £51.45m of these losses, while Chrysler's United States parent provided only £12.95m.

Five months ago with Linwood closed by a three-week long strike, Chrysler warned employees there that absenteeism, stoppages and poor productivity were "bleeding us to death". It refused to reopen the plant until shop stewards agreed to join management in tackling problems which had reduced output to a disastrous 50 per cent of targets.

Yesterday Chrysler reported that Linwood was now achieving 90 per cent of targets. Mr Stan Deason, Linwood manufacturing director, was quoted in the company's magazine *Chrysler Challenger*, as saying "I feel like a football manager whose team has been promoted to the Premier Division.

Another Linwood executive, Mr Mike Bridges said: "The main contribution to reaching 90 per cent of the target is the rapid improvement in the 'right first time' trend.

Chrysler has followed British Leyland's example and introduced a three-tier participation set-up at Linwood. The top level involves a monthly meeting of senior management and union conveners.

Last month Chrysler's United Kingdom sales were the highest since August 1974 with an 8.4 per cent share of the market.

Chrysler also revealed yesterday that it has sent a team to China to discuss sales of Dodge trucks and a possible deal to cooperate in establishing manufacturing facilities there.

Our Northern Industrial Correspondent writes: On Merseyside last night about 1,000 skilled craftsmen at the Vauxhall plant at Ellesmere Port began a fresh 48-hour strike over wage grading. A Vauxhall spokesman said: "We have decided not to lay off any of the 10,000 workforce. We will try to maintain as much production as possible over the next two days. The situation is further complicated by the strike of 130 truck drivers, who move components into the plant.

Rolls stoppage: Rolls-Royce management and union representatives began talks with officials of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service at the Coventry headquarters of the Engineering Employers' Association yesterday in a new attempt to resolve a wages dispute which has shut down two of the company's big engineering plants in the past fortnight. More than 6,000 workers are idle at the Parkside and Anstey works in the Coventry area, *both involved in component* manufacture for the aero engines division.

ASTMS derides 5-7 pc wage norm idea

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

The Budget did not come to grips with Britain's underlying economic weaknesses, and the Government's policy is still to depend on the depression of incomes and an upturn in world trade rather than invest in manufacturing industry behind selective import controls.

These are the keynote findings of the latest *Quarterly Economic Review* published yesterday by the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of ASTMS, said the average wage earner needed a 16 per cent increase in 1978-79 to restore purchasing power, and the Chancellor's idea of a 5 to 7 per cent wage rise norm was "an anarchistic absurdity."

Inflation, according to the *white-collar union, will rise in* the fourth quarter of 1978 to 10.5 per cent at year-end and through the first half of 1979, and the combination of depressed world trade, low public spending and poor domestic demand will force up unemployment.

"Palliative measures in education fields will aid the young temporarily and artificially reduce the official figures," the Review says.

Diamond levy cut by 25 pc

De Beers has cut to 25 per cent the surcharge on the list prices of uncut diamonds to be sold at the Central Selling Organization's "sight" in London next Tuesday.

Market sources take the move as indicating that diamond prices are cooling down. The CSO has a near world wide monopoly on the sale of rough, uncut diamonds.

A 40 per cent surcharge was imposed for the first time at the sight held last month. The aim was to reduce the excessive premiums being paid over list prices for stones, particularly in Israel and the United States by flushing out holdings.

Nationalization fears haunt UK insurance

By Our Insurance Correspondent

A warning that nationalization fears are seriously undermining overseas confidence in the British insurance market has been given by industry leaders in comments to the Wilson committee.

In second-stage written evidence to the committee, which is reviewing the role of financial institutions, the insurance companies claim that foreign competitors are already exploiting threats of political interference to shake customers' confidence.

They say that the fears of interference either by nationalization or direction of investment have already been seen to have had an adverse effect in overseas markets.

And they declare that only a clear statement from the Government laying to rest these fears will remove the uncertainty.

Reminding the committee that British companies were responsible for invisible earnings of £740m in 1976, the companies claim that any nationalization moves would put a significant part of these earnings at risk.

Many American states already prohibit foreign government-owned insurance companies from carrying out business. At the same time any new restrictions imposed on the London market would only lead to continuation or exacerbation of restrictions abroad.

MP tackles Mr Benn on N Sea investment pledges

By Our Industrial Editor

Mr Tom King, the Conservatives' front bench spokesman on energy, is pressing Mr Anthony Wedgewood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, over possible breaches of assurances given to oil companies in 1974 about recovery of heavy investment expenditure in the North Sea.

Mr Benn said that when the oil companies were first coming into the North Sea and investment was heavy before the returns came, it was necessary to give some assurances that investors would be able to develop their fields.

But Mr Benn told the Commons on April 5: "As we move into a new phase of oil policy —particularly through private sector development, but this applies more generally—we are freed from assurances given in the past."

This statement has disturbed Mr King, who has now written to Mr Benn for further clarification because the guidelines of 1974 related to more than fields then already under development.



Mr Tom King: cost of developing new finds in North Sea.

Warning on EEC oil stocks directive

The British Government would have to look carefully at the obligations it might assume if the European Economic Community draft directive on minimum oil stocks was to be put into effect, Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, told a House of Commons select committee yesterday.

The EEC proposal, which the Select Committee on European Legislation is studying, would oblige EEC member states to retain minimum stocks of crude oil in case of "supply difficulties".

The document proposes a reduction of 40 per cent in the amount retained by member states, like the United Kingdom which produced their own oil, and obliges Britain, in the event of supply difficulties, to continue to supply other member states at the same level as before.

Mr Benn said that he had previously assumed that the term "supply difficulties" applied to the possibility of renewal of the oil embargo of 1973.

He was now advised, he said, that a sensible interpretation would be "external interruption of supplies".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New technology and incentive

From the General Secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union

Sir, The reply of Sir William Barlow (April 12) to my original letter indicating the concern which existed among many trade unions, including my own, at the prospect of technological change, is a clear indication of an apparent gulf which exists not only between this union and his own position, but also I suspect within industry as a whole.

He criticizes my original letter for failing to "refer to the needs of the customer". I did in fact specifically mention the need to provide "better service for the customer" under my numbered point 4. It is perhaps an indication of the manner in which the reply to my letter was treated that this point was overlooked. Post Office engineers do not require a lecture on service to the public, as it is an activity in which they have all been engaged in loyally for many years. My members also need no lectures on the subject of technological change, as their record of acceptance of changing technology and productivity improvement is second to none in British industry, public or private. There is, however, a limit to what can be accepted *without staff seing a positive* benefit to themselves in undergoing the pressures which necessarily arise when a dramatic change in technology occurs. The Post Office demonstrates complacency if they do not grasp this point.

My members work to provide a public service, but naturally they would not be prepared to do so without fair financial reward. This is why I feel we are wholly justified in asking the question "What is in it for us?"

It is somewhat surprising that the chairman of the Post Office Board should seek to claim that the appointment of trade union representatives to the Post Office Board in some way removes the need for normal negotiation and consultation procedures to be followed. As far as Post Office trade union members are concered, the industrial democracy experiment is in no way a substitute for such consultation and negotiation. I fully accept that many of the consultation practices within the Post Office are in advance of those which exist elsewhere in industry, but nonetheless, on the crucial issue of technological change the present consultation procedures are as yet inadequate and it will also require a recognition by the Post Office Board that there will be a need to give some positive incentive to staff, if major changes in technology are to be introduced for the benefit of the customer.

Yours sincerely,
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Need to create an agency for smaller businesses

From Mr B. A. Baldwin

Sir, Mr Colin Dauris (April 11) is correct to stress the need for risk capital by the independent corporate sector and the denial of opportunity and incentive for risk taking which results from the present punitive higher rates of tax.

However, he also comments that directors of independent companies would often find it better for their business to provide for their pensions internally if it were not for the tax advantages of using an outside fund.

It would appear that Mr Dauris has succumbed to the mythology of pension funding which has been created by the life offices. There is no legal or taxation constraint or disadvantage on directors of independent companies setting up an internally funded scheme to make provision for their own pensions. It is certainly necessary for an outside pension consultant to be one of the trustees, but investments can include a small shareholding in the company, mortgage loans to the company at a commercial rate of interest to purchase industrial buildings and the purchase of non-industrial buildings for leasing at a market rental to the company. It is only the death-in-service risk which needs to be insured outside the company.

It is important that such directors should appreciate the inherent risk of linking their pensions to the success of their companies, but there should be no particular difficulty for an internally funded scheme to match the income and investment performance which underlies the assumptions made for outside pension funds.

Among other matters, we have been pressing both Mr Harold Lever and the Wilson Committee for the creation of a Smaller Business Agency. One of the functions of such an agency would be to guarantee, on a commercial basis, up to 90 per cent of loan facilities from the existing financial institutions to smaller businesses. This would remove the whole problem of the uncertainty of the present system with regard to the level of security demanded. In turn it would create a secondary market for the sale of the guaranteed portion of the loans to outside pension schemes, insurance companies and other institutions whose funds are provided in part by the independent corporate sector but to whom the sector has presently little access.

Yours faithfully,
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Definition of a manager

From Mr D. M. H. Turner

Sir, I agree with Mr Bruce Lockhart (Business News, April 20) that the meaning of "business" is one that embraces a total operation: I have no difficulty with that word nor with its use in educational descriptions provided that the intention is both to educate in all aspects of running a business and to embrace animate and inanimate resource utilization.

But the word "management" is not so easy. The problem for me is not the conflict between "business" and "management" but the definition of "management" in itself and, more precisely, the definition of "manager".

There is no generally accepted definition and there is no right or wrong; furthermore, I suspect that the fact that a manager may be a member of a union only clouds the issue, as it is his "working" rather than his "managing" that has brought his membership about.

For my part, I always endeavour to make clear what I mean by the word "manager", that is a man who is responsible for producing results through human resources: the management of people. The man concerned with producing results with inanimate resources I regard as an "executive". Both are concerned with "business".

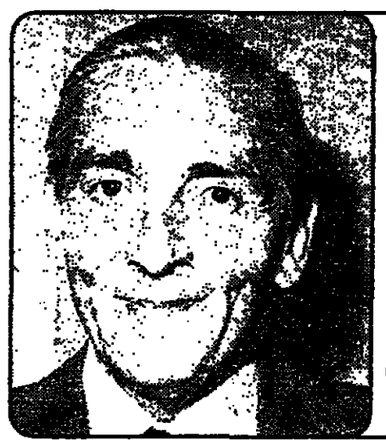
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Name of the game for discount houses

ith the Bank of England having to step in support sterling yesterday, the money arkets were again being kept on their es and gilt-edged prices slipped another alf to three-quarters of a point to another w for the year. Although the Treasury ill rate was signalling perhaps another point rise in minimum lending rate this riday, it is just as clear that there is no thusiasm in the Bank to see rates, pecially at the short-end, edge up at the esent, at least not before it sees how erling is shaping up over the next few onths.

Meanwhile, results from discount houses th an April year-end illustrate that whatever their cat-and-mouse game with the thorities is on a day-to-day basis, their nger-term stance is much more positive. a man they are expecting interest rates harden over the summer and are cordingly keeping their gilt books as all as possible. The name of the game is year will not be capital profits in the t market which provided the likes of ion, Gillett and Alexanders with their st year ever but the far more prosaic nefits of running margins.

Yesterday it was the turn of Gerrard & tional and the two smaller houses, Jessel, ynbee and Smith St Aubyn, to show their ces, and without the benefit of a lendar year which saw MLR fall 7 points e 3 point fall in their financial years has sulted in more pedestrian figures.

Even so, both Gerrard and Smith appear have run down their gilt books in vance of November's 2 per cent rise in terest rates and disclosed after tax profits Gerrard jumped from £3.4m to £5.7m ile Smith was not far behind with a rise om £1.4m to £1.9m. Jessel in contrast, ter a "substantial" transfer to reserves s only managed a 30 per cent rise to .3m but like the others the dividend has me up by the maximum. But the gilt oks of all three are now far below the aximum that the sharp rise in their net sets would allow and despite efforts to hieve a sounder earnings base the fun in e sector is now over with only above erage yields to support current share ices.

BICC

How the US sale will help

BICC looks set to extricate itself from its 0.1 per cent holding in the United States General Cable group which has never lived up to expectations and has had little logic for the past couple of years. If so it will receive at least £29.3m which will equal the purchase price and would, if BICC wanted it to, eliminate short-term debt and reduce gearing from 47 per cent to 31 per cent. It is more likely, however, that the money will be used for a new acquisition to the growing industrial products group, possibly in the United States.

A minor drawback is that GC is likely o sell its 8.2 per cent stake in BICC which as been built up as part of the original eal. It had been hoped to disentangle the ossholdings at one go, but the fact that ICC believed it could get a premium price r its holding while GC would have to ace at a discount appears to have preinted agreement.

The plus factors far outweigh the presence potential stock overhanging the market, wever. With a yield of 9.2 per cent the ires at 116p should get away easily ough.

European Ferries

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ing increased profits from £11.1m to .8m, European Ferries has also transned its balance sheet. It has around m in cash and is now only 40 per cent red. But growth is going to slow this r as pegged prices and rising wage s offset the effect of likely volume wth of around 15 per cent. So, EF probably make profits of about £26.5m continue to generate cash.

F is now capitalized at £117m and is challenging P & O's traditional leadership of the sector, but most significantly its market value now compares with the £64m of Furness Withy, which it would like to take over if the chance arises.

With its 5 per cent stake in FW still intact, EF could be ready to go on the offensive. It would make sense for EF: its dependence on the short cross-channel routes, though a major strength at the moment, could in the longer-term prove a weakness and it is difficult to see the justification for a diversification out of shipping.

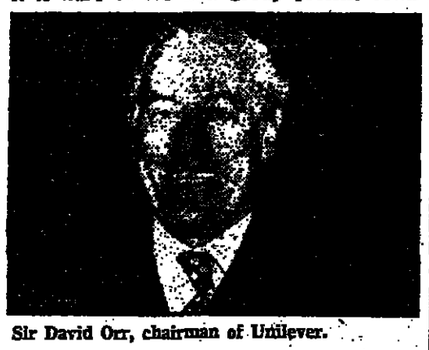
So, EF shares at 111p yielding 3.8 per cent are prepared for such a move.

Unilever

This year in Europe . . . . .

Last year's figures from Unilever show how difficult it is for a group of its size to buck the trends of the main economies in which it operates. Now that Nigeria is an associate rather than a subsidiary, Europe's dominance in the group's trading profile is even more marked than it was, accounting for 65 per cent of sales and 57 per cent of operating profits. Thus, Unilever is anticipating a "difficult year"; most continental markets are set for another sluggish period and Unilever evidently expects little impetus from the United Kingdom, at least until towards the year end.

Non-European operations are performing more strongly but, given their relative size, it is hard to see how group profits, down



Sir David Orr, chairman of Unilever.

to £550m last year, can hope to exceed the 1976 total of £611m by more than the barest of margins.

Admittedly, Unilever is investing more heavily overseas, and projects approved last year were up from £348m to £432m (£310m was actually spent in 1977). But nine of its 19 biggest investment projects, including the £80m pulp and board plant which is the largest of all, are still in the United Kingdom.

Foseco Minsep

Looking for recovery

Foseco Minsep can blame currency losses which, together with the effect in royalty income, amounted to around £1.8m last year for a 10.3 per cent fall in profits to £14.3m. But steel-related trading remains poor too; margins here remained under intense pressure to leave trading profits on the Foseco business 12¼ per cent off despite virtually static volume and a fall of only 1.1 per cent in money sales.

Given that business with the foundry, construction and general industrial sectors held up exceptionally well the key, obviously, is whether the steel recession has bottomed. Foseco reckons it has; is looking for an improvement in world production this year and can also look for real expansion through supplying its metallurgical products to underdeveloped markets.

Meanwhile, the balance sheet is as ever conservative and strong with gearing of around 30 per cent. It is perhaps as sound a picture as one could expect from an industrial company these days, but of no particular encouragement to the share price at 142p where the p/e ratio is 9 and the yield 4.8 per cent.

Economic notebook

Labour gains and capital losses

Behind most of the political and economic controversies that have predominated since the birth of industrial society, and often before, is the single, basic issue of how the national cake should be divided between labour and capital and between the various groups that contribute to the creation of total domestic income.

Indeed, distribution is a more emotive issue than the creation of national income in the first place. For at the heart of the matter, is the question whether trade unions influence the shares taken by labour and capital or whether it is determined solely by the iron laws of supply and demand. And, if social power does lead to a greater share for labour, does this have a damaging effect on investment, growth and jobs?

That labour's share of total domestic income has risen over the last hundred years is not really in doubt. Until fairly recently there were many economists who argued that the primary distribution of income between the three factors of production—labour, capital and land—were constant. It is certainly true that changes occur only over a large number of years.

According to the calculations of C. H. Feinstein in his *National Income and Expenditure and Output in the United Kingdom, 1855 to 1966* the share of labour in domestic income was about half during the third quarter of the last century. This share reached some 60 per cent at about the time of the First World War.

For 1977, the figure is put at 70.4 per cent by the Central Statistical Office (this is after allowance for stock appreciation, which is not the case for earlier figures). In both 1976 and 1977 the labour share declined, after the surge that occurred during the pay explosion in 1974 and 1975, when a peak of 74.2 per cent was reached.

This would appear to provide conclusive evidence of a rise in labour's income share, although some economists would seek to explain it by the fact that it makes no allowance for the rise in the working population, nor the tendency for self-employed people to relinquish this status and join the ranks of the employed.

The trend of profits over the last hundred years is also rendered difficult by the existence of a large group of self-employed people—particularly because until the 1930s they accounted for a bigger share of domestic income than the incorporated sector. Feinstein does not disaggregate self-employment and corporate profit shares in domestic incomes before 1889, but it would appear that the share attributable to self employment has fallen fairly steadily from about 23 per cent to about 8 or 9 per cent today.

Corporate profit has shown a much more steady tendency, holding at 13 to 16 per cent throughout much of this century. It reached a peak of nearly 20 per cent in the 1950s and a low of 10 per cent in 1975 (including trading surpluses of the public corporations in later years).

The share of rent, on the other hand (including rent from dwellings and offices, which is somewhat different to the way economists usually define it), has fallen from 13 or 14 per cent in the last century to less than 5 per cent after the last war. Today it stands at about 7 per cent.

Professor Jan Pen, the Dutch economist, in his book *Income Distribution*, divides the national income four ways, distinguishing between a return on capital (interest) and a return to entrepreneurial activity (called profit). On this basis wages, profits, interest and land rent are put at 70 + 20 + 8 + 2 per cent respectively for a modern economy.

Professor Pen argues that the rise in the share taken by labour has not been at the expense of profits, but at the expense of interest and land rent. Their total (on his model) has shrunk from sometimes above 30 per cent to less than 10 per cent.

Land rent has been hardest hit. But, in a society that is seemingly using more and more capital, it is the drop in the share held by capital—from 20 per cent to less than half that—which is the most striking feature.

It is a phenomenon that many economists have sought to explain—why a society which requires for its production a steadily increasing amount of capital per worker gives the providers of that capital a steadily decreasing share of national income.

The explanation depends on the price relationship between labour and capital, the marginal productivity of these two factors of production and the elasticity of substitution between them. The essential point is that capital is the fastest growing of the two factors.

As a result, an increase in the ratio of capital to labour reduces the marginal productivity of capital. This, as Professor Pen observes, is the reason for the great historical process—a drop in the relative position of capital to labour.

But this is only part of the explanation. The second part is that it is not as easy to substitute capital for labour as it might be thought when the price of labour rises relative to the price of capital. In other words, the elasticity of substitution for capital is low.

Sir John Hicks showed in the 1930s that a low elasticity of substitution means that a factor of production that is growing rapidly will not be absorbed into the production process without a drop in its price. This, Professor Pen calls Hicks' Law.

In other words, if wages rise faster than the cost of capital, entrepreneurs will not necessarily find it worthwhile to replace labour with machines unless the price of capital falls still further.

As Professor Pen notes, this shows that the accumulation of capital is the workers' friend. Not only does labour productivity, and thus prosperity, increase as a result, but, also, increasing capital intensity (capital per worker) leads to an increasing share of labour in total domestic income.

In support of this argument it might be noted that the amount of capital per worker in the United States has roughly doubled in the past seventy years. On the basis of this (and certain assumptions about the precise elasticity of capital substitution) a rise in the share held by labour of about 20 per cent might have been expected. This is close to what has actually happened.

Moreover, inflation intensifies this process. For the accumulation of capital and the autonomous "wage push" work in the same direction, reinforcing each other.

It is possible, however, that there is another set of circumstances working in the opposite direction. This is technical progress.

Technical change is usually associated with investment in capital goods—capital using and labour saving. However, even this is not necessarily the case and the spectacular rise of the labour-intensive service industries since the war might have had the reverse effect.

The inescapable conclusion is that the rise in the share taken by labour is an historical process that is unlikely to be reversed. This process has not prevented the investment and growth that has taken place in the last hundred years, and there seems no reason to assume that raising the relative return to capital is either possible or a necessary condition of further economic growth.

Melvyn Westlake

Shipyards: sinking the world's differences

Albert Grubel, chairman of the working party on shipbuilding set up under the aegis of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, is a man of few words. Yet after the most recent meeting of the committee he saw fit to break his normal silence to review the progress made over the past 15 months in tackling the crisis confronting the world's shipyards.

"There can be no hope of finding a miracle solution at a time when there are already too many ships and not enough demand for transport", he said. "Our task is not to find a miracle but to manage the crisis; to try to overcome the difficulties; to live through these difficult years, sharing—as fairly as we can—in the difficulties and the problems."

Certainly, the OECD "working party six" has achieved something. Fifteen months ago, faced with the almost total collapse of demand for new ships, Europe and Japan were set on a collision course in shipbuilding, which would have led to an escalation of the already evident protectionist battle being fought out on the world economic stage.

In the postwar period the Japanese shipbuilding machine, by reason of its efficiency and keen prices, had been remorselessly carving up half the world's production of ships. In the face of this the European contingent in the counsels of OECD sank their differences for a time to try to end the impasse and gain Japanese approval for a fifty-fifty sharing of new orders in a drastically reduced world market. Europe failed to achieve that, but the pressure was sufficient for the Japanese to take steps to appease European governmental concern.

Tokyo's transport ministry agreed to raise ship export prices by 5 per cent (the yen's appreciation made Japan even more uncompetitive) and also undertook to ease back on the marketing of ships to those European countries where the shipbuilding recession was biting hardest.

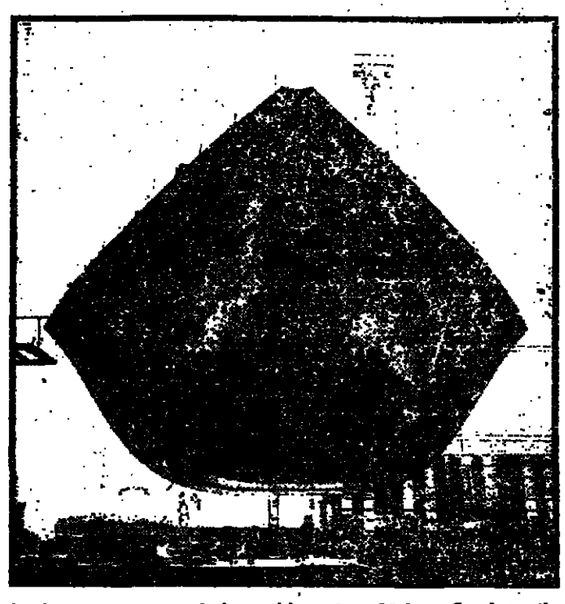
So far so good. The Europeans accepted the package grudgingly. But the world order book has worsened since the measures were introduced and there is still three times more capacity in the world for building ships than there is demand from owners.

The OECD countries agreed that they needed better information and after long arguments finally agreed on a new formula—compensated gross registered tons—to assess the true nature of the order book in each shipbuilding country. This formula reflects the work content in every type of ship that is built—a tanker, for example, has a lower man-hour content than a sophisticated container ship.

Japan embarked on a planned reorganization of its shipbuilding industry (although some smaller and medium-size yards have already been overtaken by the inevitable bankruptcies). Legislation has been approved by the lower house of the Diet and the endorsement of the Upper House is awaited.

It was against this background that M Grubel was able to speak of a "certain degree of success" which has surrounded the efforts of OECD working party six. "So far", he declared, "the principles of solidarity, equity and international responsibility have been respected in terms of orders and production."

The Japanese view things rather differently, however. They see Europe as the villian of the shipbuilding piece. While Japan righteously points to the measures which she instituted in response to European criticism of cut-price tactics in a falling market and the plans for industrial reorganization, its delegates have noted with alarm that Europe has become a



A giant crane at work in a shipyard at Malmo, Sweden: the country is extensively reorganizing its industry in view of low world demand.

breeding ground for all manner of overt and covert shipbuilding subsidies, which have not been related to any overall plan for contraction of the industry's capacity.

The tables have been turned and Japan is upset, but Tokyo is not expected to sit idly by and watch orders being stolen by subsidies. Reconsideration of the Japanese policies must be a possibility.

Sweden, which has carried through much more thorough

Peter Hill examines the attempts to solve the mounting problem of over capacity

reorganization schemes than most, with others pending, found itself in the enemy camp, allied with the Japanese in chastizing the rest of Europe for failing to live up to the pledges of a year ago. Britain is a particular target of the Japanese-Swedish axis, with Mr Gerald Kaufman, minister of state at the Department of Industry, and Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Shipbuilders, being singled out for criticism.

Mr Casey observed recently that cutbacks in shipyard capacity in the EEC would be a "dreadful mistake". He told a recent meeting of the London Europe Society that if Europe went ahead with the cuts proposed by the EEC Commission, then when demand picked up again Europe would be unable to compete and owners would be forced to the Far East.

The latest OECD figures show the total order book held by the member countries of the Association of West European Shipbuilders (AWES) to be 14,359,000 compensated gross registered tons (cgrt), while that of Japan amounts to 7,897,000 cgrt. AWES deliveries this year will be 8,631,000 cgrt and Japanese deliveries 5,518,000.

Next year, according to OECD forecasts, AWES production will be 4,380,000 cgrt, compared with an output of 1,588,000 cgrt from Japan. On the basis of the end-1977 order book output in 1980 will be a meagre 992,000 cgrt from the yards of the AWES countries and only 790,000 cgrt from Japan.

Of the shipbuilding orders gained by member countries of working party six Japan last year took 57.8 per cent in terms of gross compensated tonnage as against 83 per cent in 1976, while the European share rose from 16.9 per cent to 42.2 per cent. At the same time, while Japanese output—as a percentage of world production measured in compensated tonnage—has fallen back, European output has marginally increased.

It is against this background that a new and complicating factor is emerging. The developing nations of the world are pursuing ambitious development programmes in shipbuilding and the impact that they will have on the available market for the next few years will be large. In recent months the shipyards of South Korea, Brazil and other Third World nations have been gaining up to 30 per cent of the total volume of new orders.

The conventional OECD wisdom is that the time is not yet ripe for opening up a dialogue with the Third World shipbuilders. While some countries are in favour of establishing a bridgehead with the less developed shipbuilding nations others—particularly Japan, which is worried about the possible implications for the North-South dialogue—are very much against an approach.

It is clear, however, that without the participation in some way of these developing countries the policies thrashed out at interminable sessions of working party six could be rendered ineffective. But there are difficulties over the way in which the initial approach should be made.

The OECD secretariat has suggested that the two industry organizations, the AWES and the Shipbuilders Association of Japan, could, if they agreed, call a world conference on shipbuilding (such an approach would appeal to the unions), which would invoke Third World participation. Alternatively, the OECD has suggested that detailed forecasts of the world market for ships could form the basis of an exchange of information with one or more non-member countries.

Some rapprochement with the Third World is inevitable sooner or later and, given the need for constructive measures to cope with the crisis that confronts the industry, it would be preferable that the rapprochement should be sooner.

Business Diary: Dip SIA (fld) • Write for the job

inations that anyone can seem to be the thing in schools these days, and on may be divided as to heir value. The question l by the Society of Invest-

Analysts is rather rent however: what are we y about exams that no one pass?

two years' time all prohive members will have to hrough a basic five-paper nce exam. Less well known e failure of any society ber to pass a far stiffer ntroduced last June, to be a diploma holder.

ren members proved less scholarly when examined countancy and investment tird paper, on economics, be added next year)—in everybody failed, although apparently reached the red standard in invest-

is obviously too early to hat no one will pass the ma exam this June, but ards are not being relaxed. are hoping that candi- will adopt a less light- ed approach. Others won- whether the society should examinations at all.

here is an interesting ider in the latest issue of merican magazine *Institu- Investor* of the import- that the legendary ant banker, Sir Sigmund urg, attaches to hand- g when employing top e.

Wender, who now heads Warburg Paribas in ica and is also on the of the Warburg holding any, Mercury Securities, s how when he first met Sir Sigmund 13 years ago, there followed "a pivotal moment" when he was asked to write a short note with a "straight" (fountain) pen.

Wender recalls that it had to be a straight pen and that he had not used one for a long time. He borrowed one from his wife and wrote the note to Sir Sigmund.

He did not reveal what the contents of the note were, nor what Sir Sigmund said, but since the test, Wender has been one of Warburg's key people in North America.

Warburg's confirmed yesterday that it almost always uses graphology—the study of handwriting—when considering potential employees. "It's not so much a test, but we find it provides an additional guide to people's compatibility and suitability", a Warburg man said.

"We have made a highly detailed study of graphology—it is a good method of analysing people's natural composure and their approach to problems."

■ When Diarmuid Downs took over as president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers last night he helped to establish something of a record. He is the third chairman of Ricardo and Company, a Shoreham-based consulting engineering firm in the internal combustion field, to be president of IMechE—a unique achievement for a small company of only 300 employees, the institution says.

Downs went into engineering in the footsteps of his father, who set up business between the wars making equipment for the growing oil industry, like



Diarmuid Downs

can-filling and barrel washing machines and kerbside pumps. Downs junior, who is 56, has been more concerned with what happens when the petrol is inside the engine, looking at abnormal combustion phenomena such as the motor car gremlins "knock" and "pre-ignition".

It will be a busy year for Downs, leading up to the report next spring by Sir Monty Finniston's committee of inquiry into the engineering professions. Before then Downs will be making a tour of Western European capitals to discuss with his overseas counterparts common problems, such as education and training, registration and licensing.

■ Entries for the 1978 Innovator Award, with its £25,000 prize money, closes next Wednesday and the word is that so far the number is well down on the record 150 sent in last year.

Not that the organizers, Technical Development Capital, the venture capital arm of Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, are too concerned. Since the competition—for the best business plan to exploit a technological innovation—was started in 1973, it has been found that about 60 per cent of entries arrive in the last three days before the closing date.

A TDC official said yesterday that the competition was mainly for smaller businesses, whose heads probably did not have much time to devote to preparing entries, even though they stand to win a £10,000 first prize.

Indeed, this year TDC deliberately chose May 3 as the closing date so that hard-pressed entrants would have a weekend plus a public holiday in which to put the finishing touches to their submissions.

Previous winners have included Hydraulic Analysis of Leeds, which devised a North Sea pipeline plotting service, Semitron of Swindon, which came up with a saw for cutting silicon chips, and Beaconet Equipment of Salford, for a new process involving prefabricated building blocks.

■ It is now just over a year since the centenarian wine shippers J. R. Parkington became part of the fast-expanding French Pernod-Ricard group and its progress poses a powerful argument, as the present Pernod advertising bos it, for doing it the French way.

Sales of Pernod in the United Kingdom increased by more than 11 per cent last year, during a period when the market in spirits was undergoing a 14.4 per cent decrease in sales. Claude de Jouvencel, Parkington's French managing director, whose moustache was evidently a model for the present Pernod poster campaign, thinks there is a trend towards bitter and unfamiliar tastes. His company's next product to take off, he predicts, may be Suze, a bitter aperitif distilled from gentian roots.

Pernod-Ricard, which is mainland Europe's biggest drinks business, already sells 1,200,000 cases of Suze a year in France. The product is also successful in Switzerland and, less explicably, Nigeria.

De Jouvencel advises that it is important that Suze should be tried thoroughly chilled. Otherwise, he frankly admits, no one will ever want to taste it again.

Businesses around Gatwick airport are coming to the stage where they can set their watches and clocks by the daily arrival and departure of "Fat Albert", "the Big Orange" or "Super Carrot", these all being names for the Braniff International Boeing 747 jumbo on the Dallas/Fort Worth route. "Big Orange" and "Super Carrot" were likely aliases because the jumbo, which spends 17 out of every 24 hours in the air between Texas and Gatwick, is coloured orange. "Fat Albert", apparently, is a comic cartoon character of similar appearance in America. All Braniff's jets are in bright colours—an idea of designer Mary Wells who was called in to refurbish the airline's image. She not only did so, very successfully, but in true American tradition married the boss and is now the wife of Braniff chairman Harding Lawrence.

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Preliminary Statement

The profit, which is a record, is stated after providing for rebate, taxation, and all expenses, and after a substantial transfer to reserve for contingencies.

	1977/78 £	1976/77 £
Net profit	1,299,448	1,011,170
Transfer to general reserve	500,000	500,000
Ordinary dividends		
Interim paid	92,330	73,863
Final proposed	338,718	312,074
Balance carried forward on profit and loss account	919,944	551,544

The proposed final dividend is 12.84% making a total net distribution of 16.34% on the capital as increased by the bonus issue made in June last year. This is the maximum permitted.

There is to be a 1 : 4 bonus issue to be effected by using the balance of the share premium account and transferring £169,919 from the profit and loss account. If it were not for dividend restraint it would have been the intention of your directors to pay a final dividend of 15% both on the existing capital and on the additional share issue proposed above.

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th June 1978 at 3.30 p.m. The proposed final dividend will be paid on 15th June 1978 to all shareholders on the register at 15th May 1978.

	5th April 1978 £	5th April 1977 £
Capital and reserves	6,160,246	5,291,846
Loans and deposits etc.	259,343,880	272,064,356
	£265,504,126	£277,356,202
Leasehold premises	Nil	16,800
Cash at bank and amounts receivable	410,377	219,936
British Government treasury bills	80,936,734	110,230,730
Commercial and other bills		
Sterling	115,692,470	75,255,655
U.S. dollars	2,721,437	230,586
Sterling certificates of deposit	29,181,273	40,344,257
U.S. dollar certificates of deposit	10,734,285	15,172,749
Loans and deposits	3,350,000	1,000,000
British Government and corporation securities, local authority bonds and other investments: Quoted	9,497,488	17,085,623
Unquoted	12,980,062	17,799,660
	£265,504,126	£277,356,202

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Stock markets

Another lack-lustre performance

Both the gilt-edged and equity markets spent another day looking over their shoulders at the performance of sterling and speculating on the likelihood of a rise in interest rates this week.

The result was a lack-lustre performance from both in spite of a general lack of selling pressure. In equities the late announcement of the United States trade figures brought a half-hearted attempt at a rally after hours but at the official close the FT Index was 2.9, still off at 457.8.

Equity dealers felt that a full 1 per cent rise in MLR was on the cards and expressed the view that this would be preferable to two smaller increases. By contrast the fixed-interest market felt that a rise of any degree was far less likely and was more concerned that the United States trade figures would strengthen the dollar at the expense of the pound.

Long-dated maturities were unsettled all day on selling which was described as "unconvincing". In spite of several attempts at a rally most stocks closed half a point lower and there were reports of some overseas selling orders.

"Shorts" opened easier and then returned to overnight levels on small buying. There then followed a short bout of heavy selling which dried up as quickly as it started and at the end losses were contained to about one quarter. The trans-atlantic trade news then provoked a further mark-down. The trend of gilt prices does not bode well for the new long "tap" due to start trading today.

Among the big-name industrials the annual report of Bowater made little impact at 197p after 194p and though the chairman of Unilever predicted hard times in 1978 in his review the ordinary stayed at 498p and the NV at £26.75. An oddity here was that reports of the chairman's words coming out of Amsterdam painted a much more bearish picture than their United Kingdom counterparts and at one time the NV were unsettled by this.

Nervousness ahead of today's figures clipped 4p to 173p from Vickers while over in electricals BICC resisted a lower trend at 116p on news of a sale for $53m of a big stake in General Cables.

Continued speculation hardened J. Bibby another 14p to 244p, Heywood Williams rose 8p to 104p on its United States deal with Hanson Trust and Campari sparked to life with a jump of 4p to 126p in its ordinary shares and 6p to 115p for the "B". But most interest centred on Carlton Industries, the subsidiary of London Merchant Securities, which was suspended at 169p after news of an approach. The LMS ordinary and capital shares both rose 13p at 91p and 89p respectively.

Elsewhere on the bid scene Letraset lost 7p to 139p now that the takeover of Randall has scotched thoughts that the company itself would be taken over. The possibility of further acquisitions adds further fuel to this particular trend of thought. A flurry of speculation in Property Partnerships lifted the shares 8p to 82p while the hope of better terms from Hepworth Ceramic or elsewhere lifted Johnson-Richards Tiles 2p to 118p.

In front of figures due next month Furness Withy added 8p to 239p. This brings the rise since Monday to 18p and has reversed the recent sharp fall of over 100 points. It is thought that some jobbers were caught short of stock as buyers came in at the lower price.

P & O dfd, with figures due next week, added 2p to 95p while European Ferries, which yesterday reported profits much in line with market expectations, slipped a penny to 111p in light trading.

Consolidated Goldfields was an active stock shooting up 14p to 179p at one point before drifting back down to close at 173p.

The flurry followed an upturn in the price of the Cons Gold traded options and came as a result of option dealers trying to cover their positions from the equity market after being caught short of stock on the options pitch.

Elsewhere in gold shares, dealers had an active day as the buyers came back into the market. Sentiment was firmer as the bullion price improved and investors began to feel undersold. Among the stocks to go better were West Drie at £17¾, Randfontein at £33 9/16, Free State geduld at £15 19/32, and President Brand at £8⅝. In the marginals, Libanon added 10p to 450p, Kloof firmed 18p to 458p and Harmony hardened 9p to 293p.

Persistent small selling in Mothercare clipped a further 4p off the shares to 152p. Results are due next week and the market anticipates pre-tax profits of around the £14m level.

In spite of being a dollar premium stock RTZ fell back 9p to 198p on the lack of further information on the Exxon deal contained in the annual report. News of talk of uranium contracts lifted Union Corporation 4p to 268p, the high flying Northern Mining gained 11p to 67p and Hampton Areas put on 10p to 134p in a belated response to the purchase of a stake by Anniss Trading. Anniss is reported to be an Australian investment group.

Continuing improvement in fire damage figures did little to comfort a weak insurance sector where Sun Alliance dipped 8p to 530p and Guardian Royal Exchange 4p to 214p.

Staflex International slipped a ½p to 10½p as yesterday's extraordinary general meeting came and went amid an atmosphere of growing gloom. The important sale of Bellow Machine was agreed but a plan to sell Barnes Brothers has gone wrong. The trustees of the two loan stocks, Law Debenture Corporation have been told that the group is temporarily in breach of borrowing powers, and Law Debenture is considering the position.

Despite a very substantial line of Status Discount passing through the market, the shares remained unchanged at 59½p yesterday. According to the group's brokers, J. & A. Scrimgeour, the shares were part of the 70 per cent family interest and were taken up entirely by institutions. In the past there has been some institutional grumbling about the size of the family interest but it is not thought that the share sale takes it below the 50 per cent level.

Equity turnover on April 25 was £70.49m (13,757 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Gill & Duffus, BP, London Merchant Securities, Commercial Union, RTZ, BAT, European Ferries, GEC, Foseco Minsep, Lucas, Shell, Barclays Bank, Midland Bank, Consolidated Gold Fields and J. Bibby.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Airsprg Grp (F)	9.3(7.6)	0.82(0.58)	7.6(5.4)	2.2(—)	—	3.6(2.75)
Alginate Inds (F)	16.7(15.5)	2.8(2.9)	34.7(32.9?)	9.49(8.5)	—	13.96(12.5)
Anchor Chems (F)	11.21(9.75)	0.60(0.41)	15.3?(10.63)	2.08(—)	—	4.15(3.69)
Automated Sec (F)	3.2(2.3)	0.5?(0.3)	5.51(3.74)	1.32(0.65)	—	0.825(0.487)
Cullens Stores (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	0.66(0.65)	26/5	—(4.5)
Epicure (I)	0.84(0.61)	0.02(0.04)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
European Frs (F)	127.87(93.53)	21.77(11.07)	20.8(12.6)	1.8(1.33)	30/6	2.8(1.9)
Felixstowe Dk (F)	13.42(8.12)	1.5(0.80)	43.74(23.04)	Nil(Nil)	—	1.0(Nil)
Foseco Minsep (F)	174.98(165.43)	14.32(15.96)	15.7(16.9)	2.68(2.41)	5/7	4.57(4.0)
Gerrard & Nat (F)	—(—)	6.8(3.6)	—(—)	4.17(4.8)	—	8.17(7.3)
Gill & Duffus (F)	713.2(430.4)	32.7(24.5)	4.75(3.12)	—	—	8.71(5.7)
J. Haggas (I)	17.29(14.99)	2.55(2.31)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Hopkinsns Hgs (F)	35.4(32.9)	4.28(4.36)	17.92(18.48)	3.71(3.3)	5/6	5.05(4.58)
Jessel, Tynbee (F)	—(—)	1.7(1.5)	—(—)	3.21(2.95)	15/6	4.08(3.65)
L. K. Indust (F)	3.8(3.5)	0.31(0.23)	8.92(5.58)	1.30(1.25)	16/6	2.6(2.3)
Majedie Inv (I)	—(—)	0.17(0.11)	0.74(0.49)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Mndrs (Hldgs) (F)	24.1(20.5)	2.37(2.40)	7.91(7.88)	1.72(1.52)	8/6	2.54(2.27)
Palabora Mng (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	12.5b(15.0)	6/6	—(—)
Wm Pickles (F)	22.86(21.22)	0.82(0.87)	1.5(1.6)	0.39(0.39)	1/8	0.68(0.65)
St Grgs Assets (F)	—(—)	0.02(0.02)	0.52(0.43)	0.33(—)	14/6	—(—)
Smith St Abn (F)	—(—)	1.94a(1.37)	—(—)	3.01(2.38)	8/6	5.01(4.0)
Spear & Jksn (F)	38.94(37.93)	1.36(1.41)	11.8(11.5)	5.8(5.8)	27/5	9.37(7.38)
Spencer Gears (I)	1.90(1.59)	0.10(0.10)	1.37(1.31)	0.38(0.38)	3/7	—(1.0)
Stylo Shoes (F)	21.7(18.32)	0.96(0.69)	—(—)	1.72(1.54)	—	1.72(1.54)
Telephone Rtls (F)	30.78(29.49)	9.55(9.01)	11.61(11.16)	4.3(3.9)	4/7	5.8(5.2)
Wight Cons (F)	8.14(9.39)	0.57(0.56)	20.69(18.09)	4.7(—)	8/6	7.5(6.7)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Net profit. b Cents.

Hawker to take control of Carlton

By Peter Wainwright

A deal to settle the fate of Carlton Industries has long been moored on the stock market and a complicated way of doing so has been arranged between Carlton, its parent, London Merchant Securities, led by Lord Rayne, which has 79 per cent of the shares; and a trifle unexpectedly, Hawker Siddeley Group keen to spend compensation money.

Carlton was suspended at 169p, but the deal is for Hawker to buy 51.9 per cent of Carlton for 165p in cash—if Carlton will buy a battery business from Hawker.

Mr Leon Roydon, chairman, and Mr B. M. Bonfield, managing director, think that Carlton is worth more than Hawker at present suspects. To prove it, they stay on, and if profits go well, the 165p will be topped up by Hawker in 1981 by a profits-related formula and the minority bought out.

In this minority is Mr Roydon and Mr Bonfield, who have 7.8 per cent of Carlton's equity. Such a deal is not what the stock market was looking for and indicates the snags the presence of a controlling shareholder can create. The formal offer goes out late next month when Carlton's good full-year's profits will also be published.

Hiccup in growth at Hopkinson Hldgs

In spite of an increase in turnover from £32.9m to £35.4m at Hopkinson Holdings, the boiler valve and mountings group, pre-tax profits have slipped back as expected, from last year's record level of £4.36m to £4.27m. Earnings a share are 17.92p against 18.48p and the total dividend is 7.6p gross against 6.94p. In October, the first half of 1977 proved to be even more difficult than forecast and although the second half was expected to show an improvement it would fall short of last year's record.

SPENCER GEARS

Scrip issue of one-for-one proposed. Second-half should continue established pattern with by far the greater profit coming in this period.

SWINTON INSURANCE BROKERS)

Swinton (Insurance Brokers) has bought a majority interest in Lloyd's brokers Hutchinson & Craft, with full approval of Lloyd's Committee.

Vintage year for Gill & Duffus as cocoa sparkles

By Ronald Pullen

As indicated at the half-way stage, commodity traders Gill & Duffus has had a "vintage" year on the back of the high level of activity in soft commodity markets. Although prices for tea, coffee and cocoa peaked last summer, the decline was almost as precipitous and on increased turnover, which is the bread, butter and jam for commodity-based groups like Gill, up from £480m to £713m, pre-tax profits rose from £13.4m to £20.4m in the year to December 31.



Mr Frank Gill, chairman of Gill & Duffus.

Despite the recent broadening of its base of activities, cocoa continued to be the star performer last year, both in trading terms and in the group's cocoa plants which worked flat out. Rubber, too, overcame fairly quiet market conditions to turn in an increased contribution while the new tea company, Matheson Gill & Duffus, and the commodities on which the group made its name—edible nut kernels, dried fruit and general produce—also did significantly better.

With the newer ventures into insurance and money broking also performing well the only dull spots were sugar trading, which faced with quiet markets failed to break even, and coffee. Thanks to the release of £5m from deferred tax, retained profits of £12.8m have boosted shareholders' funds from £28.9m to £47.3m. Like S & W Berisford the group has treated shareholders with a one-for-one scrip issue and on the 13.2p dividend indicated at the time of the rights issue the yield at 232p is 5.8 per cent and the p/e ratio 7¼.

Continued decline at Capitol Industries

By Our Financial Editor

Earnings by Capitol Industries, EMI's important North American recording business, continued to decline in the third quarter to March. Income before tax during the period fell from $2.04m to $1.3m so after nine months Capitol's income is running $8.37m against $12.6m at this point last year.

The poor trading conditions persisted during the third quarter, says Capitol's president Mr Bhaskar Menon. Sales of recorded music were lower that last year primarily as a result of rescheduling releases of a number of key artistes. Higher recording, marketing and talent development costs hit earnings, though the new EMI America label, which is being separately managed, had an encouraging start.

On April 5, District Court Judge Mr William P. Gray, ruled in favour of the company in the Class Action filed in 1971 against Capitol Industries. The company was completely exonerated from any wrongdoing and was granted the right to recover Court costs.



New chairman for Molins: Mr H. R. Moore (left), who will be taking over next month as chairman of Molins, the international precision engineers. Sir Stephen Brown (right) is retiring. Mr Moore is a director of Hill Samuel and chairman of Staveley Industries.

At yesterday's annual meeting, Sir Stephen reported that sales, orders and profits at the end of the first quarter were all ahead of the same time last year. The board expects the year's sales and profits to be higher than 1977. It is looking for an improved volume of shipments of tobacco machinery this year and, arising from last year's cost-reduction programmes and some improvement in orders, the paper and packaging machinery operations will at least break even.

Options

Interest, in the traded options pitch, centred mainly on Consolidated Goldfields yesterday where dealing was suspended for a full minute at one stage.

A total of 101 contracts were dealt in the stock, mostly in a noisy hour around lunchtime. As interest increased option dealers found themselves short of stock to cover their positions an dtried to underwrite themselves in the equity market. Jobbers there were already short of Cons Golds and the share price jumped 14p to 179p.

Although the equity price increased by 8 per cent, the price of the July 180 traded option climbed by over sixty per cent to 19½p, against an overnight level of 12p. This option proved to be the most active of the day with 44 contracts dealt.

Elsewhere business faded sadly with a total of 270 contracts marked. This compares with 380 in the previous session and 586 on the opening day.

Courtaulds, which saw 71 bargains, was helped on its way by the creation of a new series at 120 to augment the original 100 and 110.

Disputes still blocking Tel Rentals advance

Only industrial disputes outside its control stopped Telephone Rentals from growing faster last year, and they may interfere again this year. Even so pre-tax profits rose by 6 per cent in 1977 to £9.55m, the twentyfirst year in a row they have gone up, though turnover increased by only 4.3 per cent to £30.78m.

For this year this private communications group is cheerful. New rental and sales business is "considerably in excess" of a year ago and there is "a substantial backlog of installation work".

But the speed of advance this year will again depend on supplies of components bought in. The shares rested at 120p yesterday despite last year's modest advance. The new dividend, up from 5.2p to 5.8p net (nearly 8.8p gross), has a final of 4.3p in it; the rentals make the earnings (11.6p last year) of high quality, and the balance sheet is still free from gearing.

Second-half surge at Stylo Shoes

A strong second-half performance at Stylo Shoes has resulted in a £1.3m turnround into a record pre-tax profit of £964,000 for the year to January 28. This compares with the group's previous best of £835,000 back in 1973. Sales of the footwear retailer, wholesaler and maker of sports footwear has increased from £18.32m to £21.7m. The dividend is raised from 2.3p to 2.6p gross. Last year got off to a poor start caused mainly by bad weather, the general uncertain economic situation and the increase in the cost of living.

Late setback hits Alginate Inds

A setback in the second half left pre-tax profits of Alingate Industries 16 per cent down from last year's record levels to £2.8m for 1977. Turnover went up 7.7 per cent pointing to a dip in margins of nearly 2½ points to 16.7 per cent. After adjusting for ED 19, earnings a share were 34.7p against 32.9p. The dividend is raised from 19.26 to 21.13p gross for a yield of 5.13p. The group's shares dipped 7p to 275½p on the results giving a pe ratio of 12.7.

MACFARLANE GROUP

Pre-tax profits for quarter to March 31 doubled to £245,000, compared with £122,000. Improved trend is continuing. Board confident 1978 will show a healthy increase in profits.

Bowater

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1977 1976

	£m	£m
Sales	1,723	1,548
Trading profit	110	101
Profit before taxation	87	78
Profit after taxation and minorities	30	27
Added to ordinary shareholders' funds	16	9
	Pence	Pence
Earnings per ordinary share	21.9	*21.3
Dividend per ordinary share	9.7	8.3
Net assets per ordinary share	229.6	235.1
Contribution to trading profit		
United Kingdom	32%	26%
Overseas	68%	74%

*Adjusted to reflect the rights issue made in 1977

"...a strong financial position"

Lord Erroll of Hale

- Profits up 11.1% worldwide (18.3% after elimination of currency variations)
- Dividend 9.7p per share (last year 8.3p)
- United Kingdom contributes 32% of trading profit (last year 26%)
- North America — dollar earnings advanced by more than 10% despite depressed world pulp market
- Packaging — increased sales and earnings
- Building products — depressed conditions continue
- Europe — improving profitability
- Bowater-Scott — another successful year in both U.K. and Australia
- International trading — a satisfactory year despite the lower level of world cotton trading activity
- Investment for the future — capital projects authorised totalling £111 million
- Outlook — the present depressed level of world economic activity will continue to affect profits until necessary reflationary measures are taken

The Annual Report has already been posted to shareholders. Copies are available from the Secretary

The Bowater Corporation Limited

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MK Electric

Why expansion in US is likely

Having raised profits by almost 300 per cent in the year to April 1977, M.K. Electric Holdings has just completed a year of consolidation and now looks ready to make its next move.

The results for the latest year are due in June and, perhaps inevitably after the jump from £2.2m to £6m last year, will lead to some disappointment as it is unlikely M.K. will better profits of £7m including the recent Ega acquisition. After the dilution effect of the shares issued in connexion with that purchase, this will leave earnings per share somewhat below last year's stated level of 23.78p.

This is poor, immediate news for the share price, but shareholders can hang on to the hope that a relaxation in dividend controls will enable M.K. substantially to raise its payout. On the basis of last year's cover of 4.6, a doubled dividend would be feasible, though inate caution within the company might lead to a preferred cover of three times for the moment.

In order to fully exploit any relaxation, M.K. has prudently moved its annual meeting back a week to August 3. The date of the annual meeting is the effective one as far as the Treasury is concerned and the present controls expire on July 31.

In broader terms, the company must now be thinking hard about where to go next. The leap onto higher profits ground was achieved largely by a streamlining of the existing company with its 75-25 home-export split and the Ega acquisition, won in competition with BICC, represents only a slight diversification in terms of product but none in terms of market.

One obvious stumbling block here is that the return on capital employed in 1977 was 30.8 per cent, a level which is almost bound to be diluted by any expansionary move.

But a major move looks certain, even though volume growth of something like 8 per cent this year, for the first time in five years, will provide another sizable profits boost.

Although a proportion of this growth will come from the United Kingdom, with new products like the Sentry consumer unit of circuit-breakers to replace old-fashioned fuses, most will come from exports. MK can only export to countries which have chosen the British standard for its accessories and, with assembly plants in Singapore and the Middle East, these continue to supply adequate growth.

Some months ago, a world standard plug seemed ready to emerge, but this possibility has now receded though it clearly remains as a likely development eventually.

So, for the time being, the world continues to be divided into British standard and the rest and, as the rest includes Europe and the United States, MK must look to those two potentially huge markets for its next step.

In both cases the problem is finding the right candidate. Although the giant electrical companies are involved in accessories, smaller firms continue to exist in both the United States and Europe and, in fact, the giants tend to show little interest in growing in this sector.

This, of course, raises the question of whether it is possible to grow to any size and yet remain entirely in the localized, small-scale market of electrical accessories. MK believes it can and that its concentration within this narrow product range is the very strength which will ensure growth and enable it to move into foreign markets.

To this end, an acquisition in the United States of some size, perhaps about £8m to £10m, must be on the cards in the near future. MK's balance sheet, though slightly weaker than at the end of 1977, can take the strain but in the longer-term, the company's inclination to remain fairly liquid will probably prompt a rights issue to offset the effect of taking on new loan capital. Assuming some weakness in the share price at the time of the final figures, this could well be delayed until the interim in November.

Bryan Appleyard

Spear & Jackson emerges only marginally lower

By Nicholas Hirst

Spear & Jackson's shares put up 6p to 134p yesterday on relief that the dividend for the year equal to 14.2p gross was to be paid as promised.

The figures are not, perhaps, as poor as might have been expected after the company's warning in December that profits would not, after all, be an improvement on 1976.

In the event they were only marginally lower at £1.37m against £1.4m before tax, but they were light years away from market estimates earlier last year which had been going for more than £2m.

It was not only the luckless tool division, either, which let down the second half. This was the only division to turn into a loss—of £110,000—compared with a profit of £108,000 in the first half, but the industrial division's trading profits were down from £448,000 to £204,000 between the halves. Australia was down, and the United States was down.



Mr Stephen de Bartolme, chairman of Spear & Jackson.

Improvements came in Canada and the French company, but the latter has only returned to the level of profits it was making when it was first acquired three years ago.

In fact, with the possible exception of Canada, none of the divisions have been making anything like the returns they should. With the dividend uncovered after the extraordinary debits on the sale of the loss-making Swedish company and defence costs of £124,000 against the bid from Hestair, and only covered 1.3 times before extraordinary items on a full tax charge, an improvement in profits is needed fairly soon.

Having overestimated the likely demand for tools once, the management is being more cautious in its statements now. The stock position, certainly, has continued to improve, which is reflected in reduced borrowings and slightly improved gearing from 93 per cent to 89 per cent, and demand in the home market was up a third in the first quarter. But the industrial division's problems were not improving until last month and although group profits to date are said to be satisfactory, only the 10.6 per cent yield is holding the shares at the current level.

Anchor resists sector downturn

By Ray Maughan

Concentrating on low volume, high added value products, Anchor Chemicals has resisted the sector downturn with a 14 per cent operating profit gain in 1977 to £530,000. This excludes a £71,000 exceptional profit on the cessation of receiverships and post tax profits of £436,000 are struck before a £45,000 deficit on currency translation diferences and a £50,000 surplus associated with the sale of Anchor's blow moulding activities.

Specialising in products for the rubber, plastics and surface coatings industries, Anchor has enjoyed two years of successive record profit levels following the switch from a distribution to manufacturing emphasis.

The latter now contributes about 70 per cent of pre-tax profits and capacity has recently been increased by the completion of new plants in the Clayton complex to produce accelerates, monomers and antioxidants.

The home market provided £6.62m of the £11.21m sales total but now looks flat this year and Anchor has surplus capacity in its main domestic manufacturing units. It is too early to say whether this will be a drag on interim profits, but Anchor is still getting good results from its Italian operations (50 per cent of whose sales are in other European currencies)

The boad, headed by Lord Hewlett, has an important United Kingdom distributorship under negotiation with a leading United States manufacturer for a "near monopolistic" vital ingredient supplied to the rubber industry.

Nedlloyd faces big setback

Net profits of Royal Nedlloyd Group, the huge Dutch shipping concern, slipped from 102.5m fl (£23.51m) to 91.4m fl (£20.96m) last year. And with no significant signs of an upturn in world trade, shareholders have been warned to expect "a substantial fall" in net profits this year.

Mr B. E. Ruys, Nedlloyd's chairman, said in London yesterday that persistent over-capacity and strong competition are preventing the group from raising rates to required levels in several shipping sectors.

Commenting that prospects are dependent on striking a balance between supply and demand of cargo capacity, he added: "This is not expected to come about in the very near future, least of all in the bulk cargo and tanker market."

Last year the absence of a widely forecast upswing in world trade drove tanker and bulk cargo rates down. But over-capacity was also felt in several sectors of the liner trade.

Swedish Match

Swedish Match expects its 1978 group operating result to show a slight improvement and volume sales could be slightly higher than in 1977, reports Reuter from Stockholm. The net effect of extraordinary items is expected to be significantly better than 1977, when extraordinary income of 282m kr opposed costs of 373m kr. Swedish Match recently sold 29 per cent of the ordinary capital of Wilkinson Match to Allegheny Ludlum of the United States.

New deputy chairman after Olivetti issue

From John Earle
Rome, April 26

Signor Carlo de Benedetti has confirmed that he is to become the biggest single shareholder in Olivetti by taking up 15,000m lire (nearly £10m) of shares in a proposed rights issue to raise the company's capital from 40,000m lire (£26m) to 100,000m lire (£65m).

Signor de Benedetti, a Piedmontese entrepreneur, said in an interview with a weekly magazine that under a plan drawn up by Signor Bruno Visentini, the chairman, he was also to become deputy chairman and managing director of the Ivrea-based electronics and office equipment firm.

The plan is up for approval at the next meeting of the Olivetti board and will have to be endorsed by the annual meeting.

Signor de Benedetti was joint managing director of Fiat for a short time in 1976, but resigned after differences with the Agnelli brothers. The plan is that he should take up the rights renounced, among others, by members of the Olivetti family.

Olivetti, which suffers from a problem of undercapitalisation and relatively high indebtedness, is at present controlled by a syndicate of major shareholders with about 33 per cent of the equity. Besides the Olivetti family, they include Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, Fiat, Mediobanca and Pirelli.

Last month, Signor Roberto Olivetti made known he was resigning as deputy chairman, a job he had held since 1971.

Standard Oil rise

Net income from Standard Oil (Ohio) rose from $18.7m to $36.3m in the first quarter of 1978 and the rise is attributed to Alaskan crude oil operations that offset substantially increased interest payments, losses from the lengthy United States coal strike and lower income from royalties. Margins grew from 2.3 per cent to 3.5 per cent on sales of $1,030m The return on capital employed expanded from 4.2 per cent to 5.8 per cent and earnings climbed to 75 cents against 48 cents a share on an average capital of 48 million shares compared with an average of 38.6 million shares for the first quarter of 1977.

International

American Express

American Express reports record first-quarter earnings of $62.2m, an increase of 24.3 per cent over the first quarter of 1977.

Consolidated earnings per share were 87 cents, compared with 69 cents. Revenues rose by 20 per cent to $917.6m. Mr James D. Robinson, chairman, said: "Given the favourable outlook for the remainder of the year, we have every reason to expect that the company's earnings will again show good growth in 1978."

MELVILLE, DUNDAS
Turnover for 1977, £21.6m (£23.7m). Pre-tax profit, £671,000 (£1.25m). Dividend is 4.07p (3.68p).

ALFRED HERBERT
In light of present circumstances, dividend due April 30 of 4½ cum preference shares will not be paid.

Xerox first quarter tops $100m

Xerox Corporation of the United States raised its first-quarter net profit form $91.6m to $105.6m (about £58m) on revenues up from $1,198m to $1,354m. Britain's Rank Organisation has a major investment in Rank Xerox and other firms owned jointly with Xerox of the United States.

The board of Xerox said that the first quarter's results were about as expected and indicate that the company has made a solid start on another "good year" in terms of revenue and profit. In the opening period, rental and service revenue was up 6 per cent, while revenue from the sale of copiers' and duplicators' supplies and other Xerox products was up by 37 per cent.

The latest results include an after-tax gain of $3.1m from the sale of the investment in Danray Inc and $1.5m from the sale of Ginn Ltd in the United Kingdom. Both the 1978 and 1977 figures also take in the effect of the capitalisation of some leases which were in existence before 1977. This reduced first-quarter net income by two cents (to $1.31 a share) and by one cent (to $1.14) in 1977.

On a worldwide basis, the first quarter net additions to the number of Xerox leased and sold copiers and duplicators were substantially higher than the 1977 level. Outright cancellations were slightly lower than last year. Four products introduced last year are meeting "excellent acceptance".—AP-Dow Jones.

MODERN ENGINEERS BRISTOL
Turnover for 1977 £7.37m (£5.62m). Pre-tax profit £252,000 (£319,000) E. P. S. 5.02p (6.15p). Total dividend 4.05p gross (3.61p).

Briefly

Assoc News buys rest of J Hewitt

Associated Newspapers Group to buy out the preference and deferred ordinary shares of J. Hewitt & Son (1927) it does not already control. Publisher of the *Leicester Mercury* and a string of local weekly papers, Hewitt has agreed cash offers of 94p per 5.6 per cent cumulative preference and 145p for each 7 per cent cumulative preferred ordinary share.

The offer is being made by Associated's wholly owned subsidiary, News Holdings. Associated is ultimately owned by the Daily Mail & General Trust which has also controlled all the Hewitt ordinary equity since 1952. The deal is thus seen as a "tidying up" operation and no plans for any change of management or for a cash injection are envisaged.

WILLIAM PICKLES
Sales for 1977 rose from £21.2m to £22.8m. Pre-tax profit £817,000 (£76,000). EPS 1.5p (1.6p). Final dividend 1.039p gross (0.993p).

HEPWORTH GROUP
Pre-tax profit rose by 39 pc to £817,000 (£588,000). Board recommending final of 2.2p, making total of 3.8p.

FULLER SMITH & TURNER
Issue to Eagle Star Insurance of £750,000 of new 13½ pc debenture stock, 1998, at par. Money will primarily be used to finance the next stage of brewery redevelopment.

BURTON ENGINEERING
Aubrey Garton: Unless trade turns in next two months, same level of half-year profits as in corresponding half unlikely.

ALBEX—WARREN
Albex has received acceptances of offer for Warren for 3.3 million £1 shares, and acceptances for the preference for 3,905.

AUTOMATED SECURITY
Directors look to future with confidence from a stronger trading and balance sheet position than ever before.

BRITINDUSTRIAL
Current year has started promisingly and group budgeting for better profits and sales in 1978.

LIGHT CONSTRUCTION
Turnover for year to January 31 £8.14m (£9.39m). Pre-tax profit £563,000 (£3,000). EPS 20.69p (1.09p). Total dividend 11.3p gross (10.2p).

Spinning downturn fails to halt J Haggas progress

By Victor Felstead

The progress of John Haggas, Keighley-based textiles group, continues unabated. For the nine months to March 31, a downturn in the spinning division was more than compensated for by higher figures from the knitting and fur fabric sections—and increased investment income. On sales 15.3 per cent up at £17.29m, pre-tax profits rose by 10.3 per cent to £2.54m.

Moreover, the board expects the full year's profits to top £3.5m, compared with the previous year's record £3.3m pre-tax.

On the spinning division, the directors say that in the third quarter, conditions were slightly better than in the first six months. The much-greater use of wool increased the value of sales out of proportion to the volume. Exports of yarn to Western Europe were hit hard by the poor state of the textile industry in that market.

In the knitting section, the profit improvement which started in the second quarter continued and the year's results are likely to be "substantially higher" than last time.

Seasonally, the third quarter is the worst of the year for fur fabrics, but this division came through the period with excellent sales and profits. Additional capacity installed last year has attained all targets set.

Epicure falls at halfway

Epicure Holdings, which recently took over Slea Holdings, reports sales up from £613,000 to £841,000 for the half-year to December 31. But pre-tax profits fell from £40,000 to £26,000. These figures do not include Slea. The board has already forecast pre-tax profits of not less than £250,000 for the enlarged group for the full year. If this is achieved, the board will pay a dividend of 0.5p gross. The last dividend was for 1973-74.

Haw Par win court action

Haw Par Brothers International, the former controversial Slater, Walker vehicle, said it won an Appeal Court action allowing it to write-off accumulated deficits of $58.94m (Singapore) through a write-down of its share premium account. It said the reduction of the account is expected to be completed in a few weeks.

In November, the company said the purpose of the write-down is to remove accumulated deficits from the books, clearing the wa yfor a possible resumption of dividends.—Reuter.

Overseas drop hits Manders

In spite of the turnover of Manders (Holdings) rising from £20.5m to £24.06m last year, pre-tax profits slipped from £2.4m to £2.36m. The year's profits were hit by substantially reduced trading levels overseas, conversion losses of some £70,000 from the stronger pound and by lower figures in the decorative business in the second half. However, the total gross dividend is going up by the maximum allowed, from 3.46p to 3.85p.

ICFC backs 138-year-old business

A 138-year-old family business of builders' merchants, Lawford & Sons, is receiving a 15-year loan of £300,000 from Industrial and Comercial Finance Corporation. It operates from five depots in North and West London.

"Lawfords has a good track record and an established position in a competitive market", said Mr Derek Sach, of ICFC. "It recognizes that to continue its growth, modern depots are needed, with good product displays and efficient storage. We are happy to help such redevelopment and provide the finance to help companies to progress."

Edinburgh Ind in tanker deal

Edinburgh Industrial Holdings has made a £125,000 dealing profit on the purchase for about $320,000 and the subsequent sale for $530,000 of M.T. Diligenzia. This 1100 dead weight oil tanker will be chartered back for a period of three years by the group's Obex Oil subsidiary.

The group has sold its remaining property for an aggregate sum of £485,000, including £300,00 of property leased back at a rental of £33,000 with 5 year reviews o a 99-year term.

Chairmen

ANTONY GIBBS
Sir Philip de Zulueta: Despite satisfactory performance of United Kingdom banking and other businesses and hope of improvement in second half in Australia, it is too early to predict 1978 results. Continuing its expansion group has established subsidiary to allow clients to invest in production and distribution of films in which group has a direct interest, including Watership Down.

LADBROKE GROUP
Mr Cyril Stein: Profits to date are good and new records are expected from all divisions. United Kingdom investment properties revalued at £9.2m against book value of £5.7m.

APV HOLDINGS
Mr H. P. Benson: Factories and foundries are well loaded, and if orders are maintained near last year's level, higher turnover and profits are expected.

SALE TILNEY
Mr T. King: Further results for year to date confirm previous forecast in report and accounts of another successful year.

GASKELL & CO (BACUP)
Mr D. Gaskell: Reluctant to predict outlook but turnover for first quarter ahead of same period.

WOLF ELECTRIC TOOLS
Mr G. M. Wolfe: Group off to a reasonable start with sales ahead for first quarter. Board aims for steady growth of volume and value of sales and expects to earn an acceptable margin on profit.

CEMENT-ROADSTONE
Mr M. Dargan: Despite short term setback on prices, group's buoyancy together with favourable overseas trend, should allow us to maintain progress.

ERITH
Mr Gordon Fisher: Confident of increasing group's market share at reasonable margins.

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Group sales exceed £174 million

★ Foseco Foundry sector maintains growth record.

★ Fosroc Building and Construction companies' growth rate accelerates.

★ Fosmin companies show good progress in UK markets.

Summary of results for year ended 31st December

	1977 £000	1976 £000
Sales outside the Group	174,986	165,427
Profit before tax	14,316	15,956
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	4,478	9,445
Earnings per ordinary share	15.7p	16.9p
Dividend per ordinary share	4.5761p	4.0971p

Eric Weiss, Chairman, says

"Although these results are disappointing, they hide strong performances by our Foseco Foundry, Fosroc and Fosmin sectors.

The strengthening of the pound against many other currencies had an adverse effect on the sterling value both of our overseas companies' profits and of royalties and dividends remitted to the United Kingdom from overseas. This exchange loss, coupled with the worldwide recession in the steel industry which continued throughout the year, resulted in the pre-tax profit falling."

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Discount market

Although a day of surplus credit was officially forecast, the market became very patchy yesterday and the Bank of England eventually assisted in a small way via purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses. Initially, with the market anticipating a short day, overnight money in the inter-bank market commanded 7½ to 7¾ per cent, but houses, now running reduced books following their year-end, were mostly not prepared to pay much more than 6½ or 6¾ per cent, and with the help reckoned to have left banks with above-target balances to carry forward, closing balances were taken at 6 per cent.

Although tax payments were again quite heavy, this factor was cancelled out by large Government disbursements. The market had a very small take-up of Treasury bills to finance, but bank's balances were up overnight, and there was a slight fall in the note circulation.

Money markets generally remained extremely nervous, watching the performance of the pound and wondering if MLR will have to go up again.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 7½%
(Last changed 11/4/78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 7½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 7 Low 5¾
Week Fixed: 6½-7

Treasury Bills (Dis%)
Buying / Selling
2 months 7 / 2 months 6¾
3 months 7⅛ / 3 months 6⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)
2 months 7⅛-7 / 3 months 8¼
3 months 7⅛-7⅛ / 4 months 8¼
4 months 8¾-8 / 6 months 9
6 months 8⅛-8¾

Local Authority Bonds
1 month 8-7½ / 7 months 8¾-8
2 months 8-7½ / 8 months 8¾-8
3 months 8¼-7¾ / 9 months 8¾-8¾
4 months 8¼-8 / 10 months 8¾-8¾
5 months 8¾-8 / 11 months 8¾-8¾
6 months 8¾-8 / 12 months 9¼-8¾

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates(%)
1 month 7¾-7½ / 6 months 9⅛-8¾
3 months 8¾-8 / 12 months 9⅛-8¾

Local Authority Market(%)
2 days 7½ / 3 months 8¼
7 days 7¾-7½ / 6 months 8¾-8¾
1 month 7½ / 1 year 9

Interbank Market(%)
Overnight: Open 7¾-7½ Close 6¾
1 week 7¾-7½ / 6 months 8¾-8¾
1 month 7¾-7½ / 9 months 9¼-9
3 months 8¾-8¼ / 12 months 9¼-9⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 8¾ / 6 months 9¼

Finance House Base Rate 7½

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	7½%
Barclays Bank	7½%
B.C.C.I. Bank	7½%
Consolidated Crdts	6½%
First London Secs	7½%
C. Hoare & Co.	*7½%
Lloyds Bank	7½%
London Mercantile	7½%
Midland Bank	7½%
Nat Westminster	7½%
Rossminster Acc's	7½%
TSB	7½%
Williams and Glyn's	7½%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 4½%, up to £25,000 4¾%, over £25,000 5%.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
51	29	Airsprung Ord	47	—	4.2	9.0	8.8
155	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	155	—	18.5	11.8	—
40	25	Armitage & Rhodes	40	—	3.3	8.2	17.0
160	105	Bardon Hill	160	—	12.0	7.5	11.0
113	51	Deborah Ord	113	—	5.1	4.5	9.1
228	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	228	—	17.5	7.6	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	133	—	12.4	9.0	5.2
148	135	George Blair	145	—	15.0	10.3	5.8
58	36	Jackson Group	47	—	5.0	10.6	5.5
114	55	James Burrough	100	—	6.0	6.0	9.1
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	26.7	8.6	5.2
24	9	Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—	12.0	15.3	—
81	54	Unilock Holdings	75	—	7.0	9.3	9.3
102	67	Walter Alexander	102	—	6.4	6.2	7.5

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On Wednesday, May 17, 1978, at 10.30 a.m. in the "Kleine Zaal" of the "Concert-en Congresgebouw de Doelen", entrance Kruisplein 30, Rotterdam.

AGENDA
1. Annual Report for 1977.
2. Approval and adoption of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account for 1977 and adoption of the proposed Profit Appropriation for 1977.
3. Appointment of the Board of Directors.
4. Appointment of Auditors.
5. Questions.

This agenda, the Annual Report for 1977 including the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account, the proposed Profit Appropriation and the nominations relating to items 3 and 4 of the agenda are available for inspection by shareholders and holders of certificates issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor at the Company's office, Rotterdam, and at the offices of the Banks mentioned below, where copies may be obtained free of charge.

(A) Holders of bearer shares or sub-shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must deposit their share certificates and sub-share certificates by **Wednesday, May 10, 1978**, at the Company's office or at the offices of the Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank N.V. in Amsterdam, Rotterdam or The Hague, of the Kredietbank in Antwerp, the Generale Bankmaatschappij or Bank Brussel Lambert in Brussels, of Midland Bank Limited in London, or any of its branches, of Banque Rothschild in Paris, of the Dresdner Bank A.G., or the Deutsche Bank A.G. in Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt-am-Main, or Munich, or the Bank für Handel und Industrie A.G. or the Berliner Disconto Bank A.G. in Berlin, of the Creditanstalt-Bankverein the Oesterreichische Landerbank Aktiengesellschaft or Schoeller & Co. in Vienna or any of their branches, of the Schweizerischer Bankverein (Swiss Bank Corporation), the Schweizerische Kreditanstalt (Swiss Credit Bank) in Zurich, Geneva, Basle or Lusanne or of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in New York City. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.

(B) Holders of registered shares, certificates for which are countersigned by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, New York, wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must notify the Company of their intention on the form provided by the Company (or by letter, stating the numbers of their share certificates), which must reach Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 30 West Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10015, by **Wednesday, May 10, 1978.**

(C) Holders of registered shares for which certificates have been issued in another form and holders of booked shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must notify the Company of their intention by letter, stating the numbers of the share certificates or of the bookings for the shares, which must reach Unilever N.V., Afdeling Effecten en Coupons, Rotterdam, by **Wednesday, May 10, 1978.**

(D) Holders of certificates for shares in Unilever N.V. issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor of Amsterdam ("Nedamtrust certificates") wishing to attend the meeting without taking part in the voting must deposit such certificates by **Wednesday, May 10, 1978** at any of the offices mentioned in (A) above. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them, such certificate holders will be admitted to the meeting.

(E) If holders of the certificates mentioned in (D) above wish to exercise voting rights at the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing, N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor will exchange such certificates free of charge for original shares, which it will hold in the names of such holders at its own office (such office being the designated place of deposit in the event) and exchange the same again after the meeting free of charge for Nedamtrust certificates to be issued to such holders in accordance with the conditions of administration. For such purpose holders must by **Tuesday, May 9, 1978:**
surrender their certificates for FL20 or a multiple thereof (but, in the case of certificates for 7% cumulative preference shares, representing a total nominal amount of FL1,000 or a multiple thereof) to N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor, Keizersgracht 558, Amsterdam, and/or surrender their sub-share certificates for FL12 nominal amount or multiples thereof, representing a total nominal amount of at least FL60 per class (but, in the case of sub-share certificates for 7% cumulative preference shares representing a total nominal amount of FL1,000 or a multiple thereof) to Midland Bank Limited, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA or any of its branches.
The certificates so surrendered must be accompanied by a request in writing as described in the conditions of administration, forms for this purpose being obtainable free of charge from N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor, Amsterdam, and Midland Bank Limited, London. Upon production of the receipts then issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor and Midland Bank Limited respectively the holders will be admitted to the meeting.
The receipt issued by Midland Bank Limited for sub-share certificates so surrendered incorporates a two-way proxy form.

Rotterdam April 26, 1978. The Board of Directors.

Wall Street

New York, April 26.—New York stock prices closed slightly higher, giving way to profit-takers towards the close.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 3.38 points to 836.97. It was up more than nine points at its high for the session.

About 760 issues gained, with about 730 lower.

Volume totalled 44.44 million shares, compared with 55.8 million yesterday.

Analysts attributed a mid-session rise in part to a pronounced reduction in the United States trade deficit.

The dollar moved higher against all major European currenices in reaction to the narrower trade deficit.

Silver up 3 cents

New York, April 26.—SILVER futures closed some 3.00 cents. May, 493.90c; June, 497.30c; July, 500.70c; Sept, 508.00c; Dec, 519.40c; Jan, 523.30c; March, 531.10c; May, 539.30c; July, 547.60c; Sept, 556.00c; Dec, 569.00c; Jan, 573.50c. Handy & Harman 495.60c (489.60c).

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate Tuesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

GOLD gained slightly. NY COMEX: May, $168.70; June, $169.40; Aug, $171.40; Oct, $173.30; Dec, $175.50; Feb, $177.70; April, $180.20; June, $182.70; Aug, $185.20; Oct, $187.70; Dec, $190.20; Feb, $192.70. CHICAGO IMM: June, $169.40-169.60; Sept, $172.20-172.50; Dec, $175.50; March, $179.20-179.60; June, $182.70; Sept, $186.70; Dec, $190.70.
COPPER closed steady on estimated sales of 8,000. May, 58.20c; June, 58.80c; July, 59.40; Sept, 60.50; Dec, 62.10; Jan, 62.60c; March, 63.60c; May, 64.60c; July, 65.60c; Sept, 66.60c; Dec, 68.10c; Jan, 68.60c.
SUGAR closed steady.—May, 7.63c; July, 7.90-93c; Sept, 8.15-16c; Oct, 8.27c; Jan, 8.55-60c; March, 9.03c; May, 9.22-25c; July, 9.30-31c; Sept, 9.60c.
COCOA closed barely steady on estimated sales of 587.—May, 155.00c; July, 151.50c; Sept, 148.60c; Dec, 142.60c; March, 139.25c; May, 136.15c; July, 133.80c.
COFFEE closed irregular on estimated sales of 375. May, 175.91-50c; July, 173.50-70c; Sept, 137.00-25c; Dec, 124.50-5.00c; March, 117.00-8.25c; May, 115.25-4.50c; July, 113.50-4.25c; Sept, 200.00-11.00c.
COTTON futures moved unevenly in a 0.50c area. May, 57.15c; July, 58.70-75c; Oct, 60.45c; Dec, 61.50-59c; March, 62.85c; May, 63.55c; July, 63.95 bid; Oct, 65.00c bid.
CHICAGO: SOYABEANS: Soyabean futures plunged late in the session on heavy liquidation. **SOYABEANS:** May, 696-95c; July, 679-75c; Aug, 657-56c; Sept, 627c; Nov, 601-02c; Jan, 606c; March, 612c; May, 618c. **SOYABEAN OIL:** May, 26.35-35c; July, 25.55-50c; Aug, 24.65-70c; Sept, 23.60-50c; Oct, 22.50c; Dec, 21.85-95c; Jan, 21.68c; March, 21.50-60c; May, 21.35-30c.

SOYABEAN MEAL: May, $173.00-2.50; July, $175.00-4.50; Aug, $173.50-3.00; Sept, $170.00-168.50; Oct, $164.00; Dec, $163.50-3.50; Jan, $164.50; March, $166.50-7.00; May, $168.50. **CHICAGO GRAINS:** Wheat futures were down 4¾ to 2¼ cents. **WHEAT:** May, 300c; July, 302¾-05c; Sept, 307¾-08¼c; Dec, 314¼c; March, 361-17c; May, 316¾c. **MAIZE:** May, 247-47¼c; July, 244-44¼c; Sept, 245c; Dec, 244¾-44c; March, 251c; May, 254c. **OATS.** May, 139½-¼c; July, 147c; Sept, 152-51c; Dec, 157-55¼c; March, 159c.

	Apr 25	Apr 24
Allied Chem	43¾	43½
Allied Stores	23¾	23
Allied Supermkt	2¾	2¾
Allis Chalmers	28¾	29½
Alcoa	45	44
Amax Inc	39¾	30¾
Amerada Hess	29	28¾
Am Airlines	12¾	12¾
Am Brands	49¾	49¾
Am Broadcast	45¾	44¾
Am Can	38¾	38¾
Am Cyanamid	26¾	26¾
Am Elec Power	23¾	23½
Am Home	28¾	29¾
Am Motors	4½	4½
Am Nat Res	43	43¾
Am Standard	39¾	38¾
Am Telephone	62¾	62½
AMF Inc	17	17
Armco Steel	27¾	27¾
Asarco	16¾	17¾
Ashland Oil	31¾	30¾
Atlantic Richfield	49	49¾
Avco	23	23¾
Avon Products	52¾	53¾
Babcock & Wcox	59¾	59¾
Bankers Tst NY	38	37¾
Bank of America	25	25
Bank of NY	33½	33¾
Beatrice Foods	23¾	24¾
Bell & Howell	19¾	18½
Bendix	37¾	37½
Bethlehem Steel	23¾	23¾
Boeing	40	38¾
Boise Cascade	28¾	27¾
Burden	28¾	28¾
Borg Warner	28¾	28¾
Bristol Myers	33½	33¾
BP	14¾	13¾
Budd	33¾	33¾
Burlington Ind	19½	19¾
Burlington Nthn	39	38¾
Burroughs	69¾	71
Campbell Soup	32¾	31½
Canadian Pacific	16½	16
Caterpillar	54¾	53¾
Celanese	40½	40
Central Soya	14	14
Charter NY	31½	31¾
Chase Manhat	32	32¾
Chem Bank NY	41¾	41¾
Chesapeake Ohio	33¾	33½
Chrysler	12½	12¾
Citicorp	23¾	23¾
Cities Service	50¾	50½
Clark Equip	37¾	36¾
Coca Cola	42	41¾
Colgate	21½	21½
CBS	54	54
Columbia Gas	28½	28¾
Combustion Eng	39¾	38½
Comwlth Edison	27¾	27½
Cons Edison	22¾	22¾
Cons Foods	23¾	24
Cons Power	22¾	22¾
Continental Grp	30½	30½
Continental Oil	27¾	27½
Control Data	28¾	29
Corning Glass	51½	49½
CPC Intnl	47½	47½
Crane	27½	27½
Crocker Int	27½	27
Crown Zeller	32½	32¾
Dart Ind	43¾	43½
Deere	29¾	28¾
Del Monte	28¾	28¾
Delta Air	44½	43¾
Detroit Edison	15¾	16
Disney	39¾	39½
Dow Chemical	27½	27½
Dresser Ind	42½	41¾
Duke Power	19½	20¾
Du Pont	116¾	115¾
Eastern Air	8¾	8¾
Eastman Kodak	52	51
Eaton Corp	38¾	38½
El Paso Nat Gas	15¾	15½
Equitable Life	21½	21½
Esmark	28½	27½
Evans P. D.	17½	17¾
Exxon Corp	48¾	47¾
Fed Dept Stores	39¾	39¾
Firestone	14½	14¾
Fst Chicago	21½	21¾

	Apr 25	Apr 24
Fst Nat Boston	27½	28¾
Fst Penn Corp	15¾	15¾
Ford	49¾	49½
GAF Corp	12¾	12½
Gamble Skogmo	28	28
Gen Dynamics	50¾	50¾
Gen Electric	52¾	52¾
Gen Foods	28½	28¾
Gen Mills	27¾	27¾
Gen Motors	65¾	65¾
Gen Pub Util NY	18½	19¾
Gen Tel Elec	31	30¾
Gen Tire	25¾	25¾
Genesco	6½	6½
Georgia Pacific	27½	27½
Getty Oil	168	168
Gillette	27	27½
Goodrich	22¾	22¾
Goodyear	17½	17½
Gould Inc	29¾	28½
Grace	27½	28¾
Gt Atlic & Pacific	8½	8¾
Greyhound	14	14½
Grumman Corp	19	18½
Gulf Oil	24½	24½
Gulf & West	13½	13¾
Heinz H. J.	38¾	37½
Hercules	15	14¾
Honeywell	50½	50¾
IC Inds	24¾	24¾
Ingersoll	57½	56½
Inland Steel	39¾	39½
IBM	261¾	258
Int Harvester	30¾	30
INCO	15½	15¾
Int Paper	41¾	39¾
Int Tel Tel	31¾	31½
Jewel Co	19½	19¾
Jim Walter	32¾	32
Johns-Manville	31¾	31¾
Johnson & John	72¾	70¾
Kaiser Alumin	33¾	32½
Kennecott	27	26¾
Kerr McGee	47¾	49
Kimberly Clark	46½	45¾
Kraftco Corp	46¾	46¾
K Mart	28¾	27¾
Kroger	32	31¾
Liggett Group	34	33¾
L.T.V. Corp	7½	7¾
Litton	19	18¾
Lockheed	22¾	22
Lucky Stores	13½	13½
Manuf Hanover	34	33¾
Mapco	36½	35¾
Marathon Oil	46½	45¾
Marine Midland	15¾	15¾
Martin Marietta	27¾	27¾
McDonnell	28¾	28¾
Mead	21½	21¾
Merck	55¾	54¾
Minnesota Mng	51¾	50
Mobil Oil	65	64¾
Monsanto	52¾	51½
Morgan J. P.	48¾	48
Motorola	45	43¾
NCR Corp	50¾	50¾
NL Industries	18½	19¾
Nabisco	50½	50¾
Nat Distillers	23¾	23¾
Nat Steel	31½	32¾
Norfolk West	27¾	26¾
NW Bancorp	28½	28
Norton Simon	20	20
Occidental Pet	19¾	20¾
Ogden	26½	27¾
Olin Corp	16	15½
Owens-Illinois	21¾	21½
Pacific Gas Elec	24¾	24
Pan Am	6¾	6¾
Penney J. C.	41¾	39½
Pennzoil	29½	29¾
Pepsico	28¾	28½
Pet Inc	34½	35
Pfizer	30	29¾
Phelps Dodge	23¾	23¾
Philip Morris	64¾	63¾
Phillips Petrol	32¾	32
Polaroid	32¾	31½
PPG Ind	27¾	28¾
Proctor Gamble	82½	81¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	23¾	23½
Pullman	29½	29¾
Rapid American	8½	8¾

	Apr 25	Apr 24
Raytheon	41½	40½
RCA Corp	28¾	28¾
Republic Steel	24½	25¾
Reynolds Ind	59¾	59¾
Reynolds Metal	32½	32½
Rockwell Int	33	33¾
Royal Dutch	58¾	59½
Safeways	40¾	40¾
St Regis Paper	28¾	27¾
Santa Fe Ind	37¾	36¾
SCM	19¾	19½
Schlumberger	70½	71½
Scott Paper	15¼	14¾
Seaboard Coast	30	30½
Seagram	22¾	22¾
Sears Roebuck	25½	25
Shell Oil	33¾	32½
Shell Trans	39	39
Signal Co	40½	39¾
Singer	22½	22
Sony	8¾	8¾
Sth Cal Edison	25½	25¾
Southern Pacific	32¾	32¾
Southern Rly	50	50½
Sperry Rand	38¾	38½
Std Brands	23½	23
Std Oil California	42¾	41
Std Oil Indiana	49¾	49½
Std Oil Ohio	67½	66
Sterling Drug	15½	15
Stevens J. P.	15¾	15¾
Stude Worth	53½	53¾
Sunbeam Corp	24¾	24¾
Sun Comp	41½	41½
Teledyne	87½	85
Tenneco	32¾	31¾
Texaco	26¾	26¾
Texas East Trans	43¾	43¾
Texas Inst	76¾	74¾
Texas Utilities	20¾	20¾
Textron	29¾	29¾
TWA	16¾	17½
Travelers Corp	35¾	34¾
TRW Inc	38¾	37½
UAL Inc	24½	24½
Unilever Ltd	37½	35½
Unilever NV	54¾	54¾
Union Bancorp	15	14½
Union Carbide	42	41¾
Union Oil Calif	50	48
Un Pacific Corp	50¾	50
Uniroyal	7½	7¾
United Brands	8¾	8¾
US Industries	9	9
US Steel	27¾	28¾
Utd Technol	40¾	39¾
Wachovia	17½	18½
Warner Comm	39	38
Warner Lambert	29¾	28¾
Wells Fargo	29¾	29¾
West'n Bancorp	36½	36¾
Westnghse Elec	19¾	19¾
Weyerhauser	28¾	28½
Whirlpool	23½	23½
White Motor	7½	8½
Woolworth	20¾	20½
Xerox Corp	49¾	48½
Zenith	15	14¾

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	12¾	12¾
Alcan Alumin	30¾	30¾
Algoma Steel	19½	19¾
Bell Telephone	55¾	54¾
Cominco	27¾	27¾
Cons Bathurst	27½	27¾
Falconbridge	20¾	21½
Gulf Oil	28½	28½
Hawker Sid Can	6.38	6.38
Hudson Bay Min	16¾	16¾
Hudson Bay Oil	42¾	42¾
Imasco	30½	30½
Imperial Oil	19½	19¾
Int Pipe	14½	14½
Mass.-Ferguson	12¾	12¾
Royal Trust	18	18
Seagram	26	26
Steel Co	23¾	23½
Talcorp	8½	8¾
Thomson N 'A'	13¾	13¾
Walker Hiram	33	32½
WCT	33¾	33¾

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.8210 (1.8135): three months, 1.8087 (1.8036): Canadian dollar 88.42 (88.35).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was off 0.35 at 360.16. The futures index was off 0.35 at 349.88.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 836.97 (833.59): transportation, 224.34 (225.66): utilities, 106.12 (106.70): 65 stocks, 288.33 (287.62).

Commodities

COPPER: Cash wire bars and three months both gained £8.75.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £695-694 a metric ton; three months, £710-711. Sales, 2,300 tons. Cash cathodes, £685-684; three months, £700-01. Sales, 350 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £690-90.50; three months, £707.50-08.00. Settlement, £690.50. Sales, 10,500 tons; cash cathodes, £680-681; three months, £697-97.50. Settlement, £681. Sales, 25 tons.
SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 273.6p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 497); three months, 279.25p (504c); six months, 286.1p (515.5c); one year, 300.8p (536.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 273.6-73.9p; three months, 279.2-79.4p. Sales, 154 lots of 10,000 troy ounces. Morning.—Cash, 273.8-74.0p; three months, 279.4-79.5p. Settlement, 274p. Sales, 60 lots.
TIN: Standard cash and three months both gained £75.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,205-10 a metric ton; three months, £6,175-85. Sales, 550 tons. High grade, cash £6,205-10; three months, £6,180-95. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,170-75; three months £6,145-50. Settlement, £6,175. Sales, 650 tons. High grade, cash £6,170-75; three months, £6,155-60. Settlement, £6,175. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,599 a picul.
LEAD: Cash gained £6.25 and three months put on £5.75.—Afternoon.—Cash, £308-309 per metric ton; three months, £315.50-16.50. Sales, 3,500 tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,170-three months, £314-14.50. Settlement, £306.75. Sales, 3,000 tons.
ZINC: Cash gained £7 and three months put on £7.25.—Afternoon.—Cash, £301-303 a metric ton; three months, £309.50-310.00. Sales: 3,300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £298-98.50; three months, £306-06.50. Settlement: £298.50. Sales: 2,200 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.
PLATINUM was at £115.35 ($209.50) a troy ounce.
RUBBER was steady (pence per kilo).—June, 53.35-54.00; July, 53-54.20; July-Sept, 54.50-54.55; Oct-Dec, 55.50-55.55; Jan-March, 56.55-56.60; April-June, 57.60-57.70; July-Sept, 58.65-58.70; Oct-Dec, 59.85-59.90; Jan-March, 61-61.05. Sales: 309 lots at 15 tonnes.
RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady.—Spot, 51.75-53.25. Cifs. June, 52.25-53.75; July, 53-55.25.
COFFEE: Robustas were steady; arabicas were dull.
ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): May, 1300-1301; July, 1365-66; Sept, 1294-96; Nov, 1252-55; Jan, 1215-30; March, 1200-1207; May, 1190-1200. Sales: 1,837 lots including 44 options.
ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 201-02; June, 181-81.50; Aug, 166.50-67.00; Oct, 152.50-53.50; Dec, 141.50-42.00; Feb, 135.50-36.50; April, 130-34. Sales: 5 lots.
PALM OIL was dull (£ per metric ton).—May, June, July, and Aug, 300-30; Sept, 290-330; Oct, 290-32; Nov, 280-315; Dec, 280-310. Jan, unquoted.
COCOA was firm (£ per metric ton).—May, 3093-99; July, 2013-15; Sept, 1938-40; Dec, 1866-67; March, 1811-17; May, 1770-85; July, 1748-52. Sales: 3,421 lots including 33 options. ICCO prices: daily, 151.87c; 15-day average, 156.92c; 22-day average, 159.06c. (US cents per lb).
SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £1 lower at £102; the "whites" price was unchanged at £110. Futures were steady. (£ per metric ton).—May, 103.60-03.65; Aug, 106.75-06.90; Oct, 110.50-10.55; Dec, 113.50-13.70; March, 120.60-20.85; May, 124.30-24.50; Aug, 128.50-28.60. Sales: 3,085 lots. ISA prices: 7.57c; 15-day average 7.59c.
SOYABEAN MEAL was steady (£ per metric ton).—June, 130.80-31.00; Aug, 129.80-30.00; Oct, 126.50-26.80; Dec, 121.70-22.20; Feb, 123.50-24.00; April, 123.50-25.50; June, 123-27. Sales: 183 lots.
WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—May, 227-28; July, 232-35; Oct, 235-39; Dec, 240-42; March, 245-48; May, 245-48; July, 246-48; Oct, 247-50. Sales: nil.
JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat $485 per long ton. "D" grade, afloat $465. Calcutta was quiet.—Indian, spot, Rs616 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Tossa Four, spot, Rs616.
GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: April-May, £93.35 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: May, £85.50; June and July, £85 trans-shipment east coast.
MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: April, first half May, £106.75; second half May, £106; June, £105.50 trans-shipment east coast. South African yellow: May-June, £81.
BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.
London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was steadier: May, £82.80; Sept, £80.35; Nov, £82.75; Jan, £85.25; March, £87.65. Sales: 154 lots. **WHEAT** was steadier: May, £96.50; Sept, £85.50; Nov, £88; Jan, £80.60; March, £93.90. Sales: 85 lots.
Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Hertford	—	£91.80	£80.80
Border W	—	—	£77.20

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 26.—**GB:** Cattle 68.42p per kgl w (+0.21). **UK:** Sheep 147.6p per kgestdcw (+6.8). **GB:** Pigs 62.5p per kglw (−0.2). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 0.8 per cent, average price 68.66p (+0.39). Sheep numbers down 3.1 per cent, average price 149.0p (+10.4). Pig numbers up 4.5 per cent, average price 67.77p (−0.27). Sheep numbers down 6.9 per cent, average price 67.77p (0.27). Sheep numbers down 7.0 per cent, average price 139.1p (+1.6). Pig numbers up 42.9 per cent, average price 66.2p (−2.8).

Foreign Exchange

The improvement in the United States March trade figures helped the dollar to make late headway at the expense of the pound and other major currencies. At the close sterling was 5 points lower on balance at $1.8145. The trade weighted index, however, was able to recoup an initial small fall to 61.1 and finish unchanged at 61.2.

Against the Deutschmark the dollar closed higher on balance at 2.0830 (2.0780), along with the Swiss franc 1.9665 (1.9570), and Dutch guilder 2.2250 (2.2180). Elsewhere the United States unit although above its worse level still showed to disadvantage against the yen at 226.10 compared with 227.50 in London previously.

Gold gained $0.50 an ounce to close in London at $168.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 26	Market rates (close) April 26
New York	$1.8125-8195	$1.8140-8150
Montreal	$2.0500-0630	$2.0570-0580
Amsterdam	4.01¾-05fl	4.03¾-04¾fl
Brussels	58.40-90f	58.75-85f
Copenhagen	10.30¾-37k	10.31-32k
Frankfurt	3.76-79m	3.77¾-78¾m
Lisbon	75.60-76.60e	76.10-60e
Madrid	146.40-80p	146.65-75p
Milan	1572¾-80¾lr	1578-77lr
Oslo	9.83¾-86k	9.85-86k
Paris	8.34-40¾f	8.38-39f
Stockholm	8.40-46k	8.43-44k
Tokyo	407-13y	410-12y
Vienna	27.05-20sch	27.15-20sch
Zurich	3.54-58f	3.56¾-57¾f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, was 61.2, unchanged.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.55-.45c prem	1.25-1.15c prem
Montreal	.40-.30c prem	.95-.80c prem
Amsterdam	2¾-1¾c prem	5¾-4¾c prem
Brussels	30-20c prem	65-55c prem
Copenhagen	2¾-4ore disc	10¾-12¾ore disc
Frankfurt	2¾-1¾pf prem	6¾-5¾pf prem
Lisbon	60-220c disc	310-580c disc
Madrid	par-60c disc	40-140c disc
Milan	4-9lr disc	14-20lr disc
Oslo	2¾-4¾ore disc	9-11ore disc
Paris	1¾-¾c prem	1¾-¾c prem
Stockholm	1¾ore prem-1¾ore disc	1¾ore prem-1¾ore disc
Vienna	14-4gro prem	27-17gro prem
Zurich	3¾-2¾c prem	8¾-7¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8816-19.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6¾-7; seven days, 6¾-7¾; one month, 6¾-7; three months, 7¾-7¾; six months, 7¾-8.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $168.10 (an ounce); pm, $168.00.
Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $173-175 (£95¾-96¾); resident, $173-175 (£95¾-96¾).
Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $52-54 (£28¾-29¾); resident, $52-54 (£28¾-29¾).

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat Index on European share prices was put provisionally at 127.45 on April 25 against 126.70 a week earlier.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¾ 1984	96¾	96¾
Australia 8¾ 1992	94¾	95¾
Aust Mining 9¾ 1993	98	98¾
Avco 9¾ 1983	100¾	101
Avco 9¾ 1985	99¾	99¾
Barclays 8¾ 1993	97¾	98
Bowater 9¾ 1992	98	98¾
British Gas 9 1981	102¾	103
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	97	97½
Citicorp 7 1981	96¾	97½
CECA 8¾ 1997	96	96¾
DSM 8¾ 1987	97	97¾
EIB 8¾ 1988	97	97¾
EIB 8¾ 1993	96¾	96¾
Eurofima 8¾ 1988	97¾	97¾
Fisons 8¾ 1992	93¾	93¾
ICI 8¾ 1987	97¾	98¾
INCO 8¾ 1984	97¾	98¾
INCO 9 1993	97¾	98¾
ITEL 9¾ 1988	98¾	99
IU O'seas 8¾ 1987	96¾	97
Light-Services 9 1982	97¾	98¾
MacMillan Bloedel 9 1992	96¾	97
Midland Int 8¾ 1992	98½	49¾
NCB 8 1987	95	95¾
Nat West 9 1986	101½	103½
NZ Forest Prod 1986	100	100¾
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	97¾	98¾
Occidental 8¾ 1983	97¾	98¾
Occidental 8¾ 1987	98¾	98¾
Offshore Mining 8¾ 1985	98¾	99¾
Bank Horis 9 1992	93¾	94¾
R. J. Reynolds 7¾ 1980	98	98¾
Shell 8¾ 1990	96¾	97¾
SNCF 8¾ 1984	99	99¾
Sparbankernas 8¾ 1988	98	98¾
Sweden 7¾ 1982	98	98¾
Sweden 8¾ 1987	96¾	97¾
Tauernautobahn 8¾ 1987	98¾	99¾
Walter Kidde 8¾ 1980	98	98¾
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7 11/16 1982	97¾	98¾
CCF 7¾ 1983	99¾	99¾
IBJ 7 11/16 1982	100	100¾
LTCB 7 15/16 1982	99¾	100¾
OKB 7¾ 1985	100	100¾
Rank 9¾ 1982	97¾	98¾
8/16 1984	99¾	100¾
Walter Heller 9¾ 1984	98	98¾
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9¾ 1982	97	97½
BM-RT 8¾ 1982	96¾	96¾
Ford 8¾ 1984	95¾	96¾
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	96¾	95¾
Rank 9¾ 1982	98¾	98¾
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6¾ 1984	103½	104
ICI 6¾ 1987	104¾	105¾
New Zealand 6¾ 1984	105	106¾
Phryn 6¾ 1989	103¾	104
Quebec Hydro 6¾ 1987	102¾	103
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¾ 1987	88½	90
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1992	100	101½
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	113½	115
Beecham 6¾ 1992	94¾	95¾
Borden 6¾ 1991	106½	108
Carnation 4 1988	78½	80
Chevron 5 1988	132¾	134
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	85½	87
Fairchild Camera 5¾ 1991	94¾	96
Ford 5 1988	93	93¾
Ford 6 1986	103	105¾
General Electric 4¾ 1987	86¾	88
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77½	79
Gould 5 1987	114	115½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	86¾	88
Honeywell 6 1986	89¾	91
ICI 6¾ 1987	87	89
INA 6 1997	97	98¾
Inchcape 6¾ 1993	111	112
ITT 4¾ 1987	85	86¾
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	153¾	155¾
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	138	140
J P Morgan 4¾ 1987	99	100¾
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	103¾	105
J C Penney 4¾ 1987	80	81¾
Revlon 4¾ 1987	112¾	114
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	89	89¾
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	91¾	93
Squibb 4¾ 1987	80	81½
Sumitomo Elec 6 1992	135	137
Texaco 4¾ 1988	83½	85
Tyco 5 1988	77	79
Union Bank of Switzerland 4¾ 1987	130	132
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	84½	86
Xerox Corp 5 1988	80¾	82

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Stock Exchange Prices

Small losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 17. Dealings End, April 28. § Contango Day, May 2. Settlement Day, May 10

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross only Yield	Red. Yield
104¾	97⅛	Treas 10½% 1978	100⅜	-⅛	10.420	7.274
100¾	90⅞	Exch 5% 1976-78	99⅞	..	5.006	7.088
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3¼% 1979	[illegible]	-⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3% 1978	[illegible]	..	3.137	6.327
[illegible]	[illegible]	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	[illegible]	..	4.410	6.977
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1979	[illegible]	-⅛	10.312	9.161
[illegible]	[illegible]	Elec 3½% 1976-79	[illegible]	..	3.650	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas Cv 9½% 1980	[illegible]	..	9.063	9.401
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1980	[illegible]	..	9.492	9.602
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3½% 1977-80	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 5½% 1978-80	[illegible]	..	5.827	7.840
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13% 1980	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11½% 1981	[illegible]	-⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3½% 1979-81	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1981	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1981	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 3% 1981	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1981	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8½% 1980-82	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3% 1982	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1982	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1982	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¼% 1982	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 8¾% 1983	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 3% 1983	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12% 1983	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1983	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 5½% 1982-84	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 6½% 1985-87	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7½% 1985-88	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans 3% 1978-88	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5% 1986-89	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13% 1990	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 1991	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1992	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10% 1992	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1992	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12½% 1993	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 6% 1993	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¾% 1993	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14½% 1994	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 1992-96	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Redmptn 3% 1986-96	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 4%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 3½%	[illegible]	..	10.070	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 3%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consols 2½%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 2½% Aft 75	[illegible]	..	12.458	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross only Yield	Red. Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust 5½% 77-80	94½	..	5.929	10.386
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust 5½% 81-82	[illegible]	-¼	6.597	10.886
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust 6% 81-83	[illegible]	-¼	7.123	10.638
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust 7% 79-81	[illegible]	-¼	7.926	10.831
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	E Africa 5½% 77-83	[illegible]	-¼	7.987	13.433
[illegible]	[illegible]	German 4½% 1930	360	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hungary 4½% 1924	44	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ireland 7½% 81-83	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	[illegible]	-¼	7.960	10.166
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan Ass 4% 1910	[illegible]	-5	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan 6% 83-88	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kenya 5% 78-82	[illegible]	-¼	6.572	13.213
[illegible]	[illegible]	Malaya 7½% 78-82	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Z 7½%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Z 7½%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Z 7½%	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	N Rhd 6% 78-81	[illegible]	-½	6.750	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nyasa 6% 78-81	[illegible]	-½	6.750	[illegible]
155	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Africa 9½% 79-81	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	58	-1	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	56	-1	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	S Rhd 6% 78-81	[illegible]	-2	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Spanish 4%	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Tang 5½% 78-82	[illegible]	-½	7.360	13.186
[illegible]	[illegible]	Uruguay 3½%	94	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Gross only Yield	Red. Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C 3% 1920	[illegible]	-¼	13.223	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C	[illegible]	..	6.391	10.408
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	L C C	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	G L C	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	G L C	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	G L C 12½% 1982	[illegible]	..	12.137	11.550
[illegible]	[illegible]	G L C 12½% 1983	[illegible]	..	12.227	11.920
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Ag Mt	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ag Mt	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ag Mt	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Belfast	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brighton	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Camden	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Croydon	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Edin	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Glasgow	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gwich	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Liverpl	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Met Water B	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]	N I	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	N I Elec	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Notts	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sthend	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Swark	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Surrey	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]

Investment Dollar Premium 109¼% (108¾%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.6853.

FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bayer	£53¾	+½	197	3.7	23.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commerzbank	£17½	..	45.0	2.6	19.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cp Fn Paris	£28	-1¼	156	5.6	9.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	EBES	£51	..	301	4.9	..
[illegible]	14	Ericsson	£22¾	+½	60.2	3.0	26.2
[illegible]	6	Finsider	7½	..	..	..	..
14	[illegible]	Granges	£8½	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	385	Hoechst	510	+5	19.7	3.9	17.6
34	8	Montecatini E	11	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	470	Robeco D B	600	+6	39.9	5.0	34.2
[illegible]	325	Rolinco Subs Fl 5	447	+9	..	..	37.7
[illegible]	30	Snia Viscosa	45	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Thyssen-Huette	£9½	-½	..	..	18.3
[illegible]	42	Volkswagen	£78	+1½	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12	[illegible]	Brascan	£11½	+¼	53.4e	4.6	8.1
12	[illegible]	CP Canada	£10¼	+¼	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Can Pac Ord	£13	+¼	47.0	3.6	8.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	El Paso	£12⅝	+¼	41.7	3.3	21.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exxon Corp	£30	-1¼	..	..	..
[illegible]	20¼	Fluor	£25¾	-⅛	63.7	2.2	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hollinger	£23⅝	+1⅛	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hud Bay Oil	£20½	+½	28.9	3.0	26.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Husky Oil	£21½	+½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	INCO	£12½	+½	51.7	4.1	19.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	IU Int	£9¼	+⅛	46.2	4.8	13.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kaiser Alum	£20⅛	+¼	82.1	3.1	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Massey-Ferg	£8⅝	+¼	58.1	6.7	14.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Norton Simon	£16	+¼	43.7	2.7	12.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Petrol	£27½	+½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pan Canadian	£22½	+½	..	..	..
[illegible]	139	Steep Rock	167	+4	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans Can P	£10½	+½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	US Steel	£22⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
[illegible]	125	White Pass	725	..	15.8	2.2	21.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Zapata Corp	£13⅞	..	15.7	1.2	37.9

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	185	Alexs Discount	243	..	21.7	8.9	8.5
[illegible]	356	Allen H & Ross	435	..	49.5	10.7	8.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Irish	171	..	10.0b	5.9	6.0
[illegible]	108	Arb-Latham	160	..	14.3	9.0	18.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	ANZ Grp	250	+10	14.4	5.8	8.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bank America	£20	+½	49.0	2.4	13.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bk of Ireland	355	..	20.1b	5.7	6.7
[illegible]	14	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	11.3	58.7	1.7
[illegible]	160	Bk Leumi UK	160	..	11.2	7.0	14.3
[illegible]	310	Bk of NSW	495	+20	15.6	3.8	10.7
[illegible]	223	Bk of Scotland	253	..	16.5	3.8	7.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bnks Trst NY	£29½	-½	181	6.3	11.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Barclays Bank	340	-5	16.7	4.9	5.8
[illegible]	115	Brown Shipley	210	..	14.0	6.7	7.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cater Ryder	250	-5	20.6	9.5	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Chase Man	£23¾	-½	114	4.4	12.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Citicorp	£16⅛	+¼	61.6	3.2	11.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Clive Discount	73	..	7.2	9.8	5.3
[illegible]	170	Com Bk of Aust	237	+6	9.4	4.2	10.4
[illegible]	115	Com Bk of Syd	184	+3	7.6	5.0	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	CC De France	£26	• ..	131	5.5	13.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	First Nat Fin	2½	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	7	Fraser Ans	11¼	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	110	Gerrard & Nat	170	+4	12.4	7.3	7.5
[illegible]	37	Gibbs A	41	..	1.1	[illegible]	17.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gillett Bros	195	..	21.0	11.8	4.8
[illegible]	56	Grindlays Hldgs	100	-1	4.2	4.2	3.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Guinness Peat	205	..	16.2	7.9	10.2
[illegible]	12	Hambros £18	£18	..	144	8.0	..
[illegible]	142	Do Ord	173	-3	14.4	7.9	5.3
[illegible]	74	Hill Samuel	82	-1	6.7	8.2	7.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hong K & Shang	270	e +10	7.7b	2.8	27.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Jessel Toynbee	70	+2	6.2	8.8	..
[illegible]	115	Joseph L.	160	..	12.0	7.5	7.9
[illegible]	21	Keyser Ullmann	41	..	0.5	1.2	..
[illegible]	42	King & Shaxson	63	..	5.1	8.2	6.1
[illegible]	76	Kleinwort Ben	98	-2	6.2	6.4	7.1
[illegible]	185	Lloyds Bank	263	-2	13.8	5.2	5.2
[illegible]	92	Mercury Secs	116	-1	5.1	4.4	5.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Midland	350	-5	22.4b	6.4	5.4
[illegible]	39	Minster Assets	61	..	5.3b	8.8	8.9
[illegible]	188	Nat of Aust	235	+12	8.7	3.8	9.3
[illegible]	58	Nat Com Bk Grp	73	..	4.0	5.5	3.4
[illegible]	205	Nat W'minster	278	-2	17.4	6.3	5.7
[illegible]	29	Ottoman	£43½	..	280	6.4	10.0
[illegible]	45	Rea Bros	58	..	2.5	4.3	11.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal of Can	£20⅝	+⅛	71.8	3.5	21.2
[illegible]	230	Schroders	400	..	17.3	4.3	8.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Seccombe Mar	230	+10	18.7	8.5	6.5
[illegible]	58	Smith St Aubyn	73	+3	7.3	8.4	..
[illegible]	293	Standard Chart	403	..	27.6	6.9	5.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Union Discount	300	..	24.0	8.0	4.9
[illegible]	37	Wintrust	62	..	4.6	7.4	34.7

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	59	Allied	85	-½	6.0a	7.0	11.7
[illegible]	87	Bass Charrgtn	152	-1	7.3	4.8	10.2
[illegible]	28	Belhaven Grp	49	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bell A.	238	• -2	7.4	3.1	9.5
[illegible]	82	Boddingtons	150	• ..	5.9	3.9	15.6
[illegible]	84	Brown M.	108	..	6.3	5.5	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bulmer HP Hldgs	153	..	4.9	3.2	9.6
[illegible]	75	Burtonwood	142	..	4.8	3.4	10.0
[illegible]	40	C of Ldn Dfd	57	..	3.6	6.4	22.4
[illegible]	100	Devenish	167	..	8.9	5.7	8.3
[illegible]	119	Distillers	178	-1	9.9	5.5	11.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Greenall	108	-1	4.0	3.7	10.9
[illegible]	152	Greene King	230	..	10.9	4.7	12.6
[illegible]	134	Guinness	178	-2	10.6	6.0	8.4
[illegible]	95	Hardys & H'sons	188	-2	10.6	5.7	10.8
[illegible]	83	Highland	133	• ..	4.4	3.3	18.8
[illegible]	36	Invergordon	95	+2	3.2	3.3	11.5
[illegible]	42	Irish Distillers	123	..	5.4	4.4	8.3
[illegible]	81	Marston	60	..	2.7	4.5	9.2
[illegible]	46	Scot & Newcastle	64	-½	4.9	7.7	14.0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Seagram	£18⅝	+¼	45.7	2.5	13.8
[illegible]	40	SA Breweries	74	+2½	6.3	8.5	5.1
[illegible]	42	Tomatin	102	-1	4.5	4.3	12.6
[illegible]	87	Vaux	102	..	6.1	6.0	10.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Whitbread 'A'	89	-1	5.6	6.3	10.1
[illegible]	60	Do B	91	..	5.6	6.1	10.8
[illegible]	55	Whitbread Inv	80	-½	5.7	7.1	22.0
[illegible]	114	Wolverhampton	190	-1	8.7	4.6	11.2

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	93	..	8.2	8.7	7.0
62	25	AC Cars	39	..	1.4	3.6	4.8
39	23½	AGB Research	92	..	5.2a	5.6	9.6
229½	136	APV Hldgs	223	• ..	17	4.4	[illegible]
73	41	Aaronson Bros	62	..	3.0	4.8	8.3
118	62	Acrow	110	..	3.9	3.5	13.5
88	53	Do A	78	..	3.8	4.9	9.9
41	21	Adda Int	24½	..	0.8	2.9	..
282	210	Adwest Group	239	• ..	13.2	5.5	8.6
83	34	Aeron'l & Gen	60	..	3.2	5.4	10.7
82	42	Airfix Ind	47	..	4.4	9.7	6.2
131	79	Albright & W	114	..	7.6	6.7	7.4
98	56	Alcan 10½%	£85½	..	1050	12.3	..
152	71	Do 9% Cnv	£145½	-½	900	6.1	..
290	205	Algemene Ind	278	-2	19.7	7.1	10.2
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	57	..	6.6	11.6	..
36¼	25½	Allen W. G.	42	..	4.3	10.3	4.7
105½	44½	Allied Colloids	70	..	2.4	3.4	13.9
70	42	Allied Insulators	70	..	6.3	8.6	8.4
17	7½	Allied Plant	14½	-½	1.1	7.4	3.7
84	18	Alpine Hldgs	86	..	2.8	4.4	11.3
298	210	Amal Metal	280	• ..	24.0	8.5	5.0
138	57¼	Amal Power	121	..	8.0	6.6	6.7
41	21	Amber Day	35	..	3.0	8.7	5.0
27	6	Amber Ind Hldgs	26	..	0.8s	2.9	3.5
50	41	Anchor Chem	64	..	6.0	9.3	7.3
57½	34	Anderson Strath	48	..	3.5	7.5	5.8
86	49½	Anglia TV 'A'	78	..	6.3	8.1	8.5
348	290	Anglo Amer Ind	310	..	43.9	5.5	5.8
48	23	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..e	..	..
96	65	Appleyard	87	-2	9.5a	10.9	7.0
39½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	36	..	2.1	6.4	7.3
123	66½	Arlington Mtr	117	..	11.7	10.0	8.0
75	38	Armitage Shanks	61	-1	6.5	10.6	8.8
73	36	Arms Equip	46	-1	3.3	5.0	11.9
53	44	Asprey 9½% Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
94	65½	Ass Biscuit	80	-2	4.6	8.0	8.2
138	85	Ass Book	113	..	6.1	5.4	8.7
76½	49	Ass Brit Food	61	-1	3.3	5.4	8.3
142	82	Ass Engineer	119	+1½	7.1	6.3	6.0
71	36	Ass Fisheries	49	..	4.6	9.4	4.7
80	26½	Ass Leisure	52	-1	4.3	8.3	8.7
296	221	Ass News	250	..	8.1	3.4	8.5
57	20	Ass Paper	50	+1	4.6	9.1	5.8
364	253	Ass Port Cement	233	• ..	14.2	6.1	8.0
119	88½	Ass Tel 'A'	114	..	9.9	8.7	7.9
31	23	Ass Tooling	30	..	3.5a	11.8	11.1
43	23	Astbury & Mdley	45	..	1.8	3.9	5.0
38	27	Atkins Bros	35	..	3.6	10.8	6.2
43	27	Audiotronic	32	..	..e	..	6.7
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	34	+1	3.0	8.7	6.8
99	56	Aurora Hldgs	80	-2	8.0	8.8	4.1
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
124½	51	Automotive Pd	123½	-1	3.1	2.5	7.7
34½	24½	Avana Grp	31½	..	2.6	4.9	7.9
174	113	Averys	145	-1	8.3	5.7	8.7
205	74	Avon Rubber	185	-1	14.1	7.6	9.7
310	235	B.A.T. Ind	307	..	21.1	6.9	8.8
270	204	Do Dfd	263	-2	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	62	+1	3.6	5.9	5.3
214	71	BET Dfd	203	-3	8.1	7.8	7.7
136	87	BICC	116	-1	10.7	9.2	8.4
82	51	BOC Int	69½	..	4.8	6.8	6.0
278	111	BPB Ind	214	..	11.0	5.3	6.6
83	56	BPM Hldgs 'A'	64	..	4.8a	6.6	6.7
42½	17½	BSG Int	38¾	..	3.2	8.1	3.9
157	86	BSR Ltd	101	-2	7.2	7.2	6.8
282	142½	BTR Ltd	261	..	14.0	5.3	8.0
144	70	Babcock & W	122	• -3	8.0	6.5	6.0
26	21	Baggeridge Brk	32	..	3.5	11.1	9.8
9¼	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	6¾	..	0.3	5.1	48.1
160	83	Baird W.	168	-1	14.1	8.4	4.5
112	65	Baker Perkins	92	-1	8.3	6.5	5.3
53	26½	Bambergers	47	-1	4.5	9.6	8.3
35	3½	Barker & Dbson	12½	..	..e	..	..
225	144	Barlow Rand	215	+5	16.5	7.7	4.4
75	39	Barr & Wallace	75	+1	5.1	6.8	7.3
74	37	Do A	74	+1	5.1	6.9	7.3
125	50½	Barratt Devs	110	..	12.3	11.1	5.7
54	31	Barrow Hepbn	33	..	5.5	16.6	5.7
61	40	Barton & Sons	61	..	5.6	9.1	5.2
153	69	Bassett G.	141	-2	7.8	5.5	8.7
50	29	Bath & P'land	43	..	5.0	7.9	5.4
67	34	Beales J.	55	..	4.0	7.3	4.1
193	66	Beatson Clark	180	..	7.8	4.3	4.8
51	29½	Beauford Grp	48	• ..	5.1	10.6	5.6
73½	45	Beckman A.	65	+½	7.4	11.4	7.5
690	372	Beecham Grp	632	..	28.0	4.4	13.2
63	39½	Bejam Grp	60	..	2.3	3.9	7.4
95	84	Benrose Corp	63	• ..	5.8	9.2	8.1
70	29½	Benn Bros	58	-1	3.4	5.8	9.4
133	74½	Berisfd S & W	131	..	6.3	5.1	4.4
62	31	Berisfords	58	..	3.7	6.3	4.9
54	36	Best & May	51	..	4.3	8.4	5.8
166	123	Bestobell	156	..	14.3	9.2	5.5
60	28	Bett Bros	63	..	2.6	4.1	6.9
244	102	Bibby J.	244	+14	9.9	4.1	4.6
77	60	Birm'gham Mint	66	..	6.6	10.0	7.1
230	148	Bishops Stores	185	..	5.7	3.1	9.2
205	57	Do A NV	145	..	5.7	3.9	8.2
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	112	• ..	6.6	5.9	13.6
82	40	Blackwd Hodge	60	..	4.4	[illegible]	5.6
30	15	Blackwood Mt	24	+½	..e	..	19.5
245	122	Blagden & N	232	..	16.2	7.8	5.6
72	39	Blundell Perm	63	-½	4.4	7.0	6.1
13	7½	Boardman K. O.	12	-½	1.5	12.3	3.2
73	32	Bodycote	65	-3	3.4	5.2	8.3
35	17	Bonser Eng	28	..	2.2	8.4	7.8
240	128	Booker McCon	230	..	10.7	4.7	6.7
212	84	B'sey & Hkes	196	..	7.7	3.9	9.0
157	87	Boot H.	127	• ..	13.9	11.0	7.1
242	115	Boots	204	-9	4.3	2.1	15.6
97	64	Borthwick T.	64	..	9.4	14.7	3.8
21½	14	Boulton W.	19½	• ..	2.1	11.0	6.3
218	160	Bowater Corp	187	..	14.7	7.6	9.0
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	53	..	2.5a	4.6	6.3
85	62	Brabby Leslie	85	..	8.0	9.4	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	66	..	8.6	13.0	12.6
72	57	Do A	61	..	8.6	14.1	11.6
49	25½	Braham Millar	38	..	2.3	6.3	4.6
45	17	Braid Grp	40	..	2.1	5.2	6.8
179	67½	Braithwaite	135	..	6.1	4.5	3.8
126	44½	Brammer H.	121	..	6.4	5.3	7.3
93	58	Bremner	80	..	5.8	11.6	10.1
211	40	Brent Chem Int	211	..	4.7	2.2	14.0
82½	25	Brent Walker	81	..	1.7a	2.2	28.3
37	22	Brickhouse Dud	35	..	3.3	9.2	7.1
172	80	Bridon	97	+1	9.3	9.6	9.3
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	33	..	3.7	11.1	5.9
50	29	Brit Car Auctn	44½	• ..	3.0	6.8	10.9
246	137	Brit Home Strs	164	+5	8.9	4.9	15.5
28	20	Brit Leyland	27	r ..	..b	..	..
120½	80	Brit Northrop	92	..	..	..	3.3
56	31	Brit Printing	50	• ..	4.8	9.6	4.5
90	56	Brit Sim spce	78	+1	7.2	9.1	9.2
122½	60½	Brit Sugar	110	+1	7.2	6.5	9.6
70¼	36½	Brit Syphon Ind	59½	-½	4.6	7.9	7.9
61	29½	Brit Tar Prod	56½	..	2.1	3.6	9.9
76	36½	Brit Vita	76	x +1	2.7	3.6	8.2
30	12½	Britains	26	..	2.3	8.7	6.8
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	56	-½	5.5	9.8	5.4
66	41	Brocks Grp	70	-1	5.2	7.4	13.0
715	385	Broken Hill	600	-25	19.5	3.2	60.0
40	28	Bronx Eng	29	..	2.4	8.3	4.8
71	38	Brook St Bur	68	..	6.4	9.4	17.6
56	38	Brooke Bond	45½	..	4.3	9.5	8.8
28	11	Brooke Tool	28	..	1.5	5.8	4.7
158	49	Brotherhood P.	140	-1½	9.6a	6.9	12.8
100	54	Brown & Tawse	83	..	6.8	7.3	6.0
55	19	BBK	49½	..	3.3	6.7	11.5
27	13	Brown Bros Cp	28	• ..	1.6	7.0	13.2
310	98	Brown J.	306	..	13.2a	4.3	5.8
124	85	Bruntons	103	..	10.8	10.4	9.1
56	17	Bryant Hldgs	55	• -2	3.6	6.8	11.6
125	61½	Bullough Ltd	120	r -2	9.3	7.8	8.0
48	28	Bulmer & Lumb	42	+1	4.8	11.3	5.3
120	87	Bunzl Pulp	101	-1	7.4	7.3	4.0
67	35	Burco Dean	63	..	5.6	8.9	6.3
40	22	Burgess Prod	36	• ..	3.5	9.8	5.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	158	..	4.1	2.6	7.5
184	63	Do A NV	157	+1	4.1	2.6	7.5
39½	16	Burns And'son	34½	• ..	2.3	6.6	5.0
17¼	9	Burrell & Co	13½	-¼	1.4	10.4	7.0
166	130	Burt Boulton	165	..	15.2	9.2	9.3
142	81	Burton Grp	130	..	2.3	1.8	..
139	39	Do A	113	-1	2.3	2.0	..
69	38	Butterfld-Harvy	63	..	3.4a	5.3	8.6

C—E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54	14½	CH Industrials	31	-1	3.6	8.6	5.4
39½	19¼	Cadbury Sch	63	-½	4.6	8.7	6.6
111	70	Caffyns	111	..	8.7	7.8	9.0
55	48	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
133	50	Cambrian	126	+4	3.0	2.4	8.8
121	64	Do B	115	+6	..	..	..
62	45½	Camrex Hldgs	64	• ..	5.0	7.8	5.3
67	36	Canning W.	62	..	5.3	8.6	6.9
136	97	Cape Ind	115	• -1	12.4	11.0	5.0
82	37	Caplan Profile	63	..	7.3	8.0	5.3
90	33½	Capper Neill	57	..	3.2	5.6	6.8
95	33	Caravans Int	78	..	7.0	9.0	3.9
68	35	Carclo Eng	64	..	4.5	7.1	5.9
51	29	Carless Capel	39	..	1.3	4.5	7.8
173	60	Carlton Ind	199	f -1	8.3	4.8	7.8
76	39	Carpets Int	46½	..	..	..	13.9
48	16½	Carr J. (Don)	43	..	1.4	3.2	6.6
41	22½	Carr'ton Vly	38½	-½	2.2	5.5	4.5
110	63½	Carroll P. J.	98	..	9.3	9.5	7.1
45	26	Casket S Hldgs	42	..	3.0	7.0	6.0
25	7	Causton Sir J.	17	..	..	..	4.2
185	88	Cawoods	139	-2	5.3	4.1	9.6
36½	12	Celestion	31	..	0.9	2.8	8.9
133	84½	Cement Rdstone	129	+1	7.5	5.8	7.5
54	25	Cen & Sheer	51	-1	3.4	6.6	9.1
72	42	Central Mfg	68	..	4.0	5.9	3.8
226	68½	Centreway Ltd	224	-2	17.5	7.8	6.3
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	38	..	3.9	11.0	2.7
58½	27½	Chamberl'n Grp	47	..	4.2	8.9	5.1
33	8½	Change Wares	24	..	0.8a	3.5	18.2
23½	17	Do Cnv Cum	23	..	2.4	10.5	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	100	-1	7.3	7.3	8.3
95	57	Christies Int	85	• ..	5.0	5.9	8.5
51	27	Christy Bros	41	..	3.5	8.5	5.8
136	93	Chubb & Sons	132	-1	5.5	4.1	9.8
198	57	Church & Co	153	..	9.1	5.9	6.1
78	45	Coalite & Chem	71	..	4.2	5.9	5.9
79	50	Coates Bros	61	..	3.5	5.8	6.8
77	45	Do A	60	..	3.5	5.9	6.7
83	57	Coats Patons	76½	-½	4.7	6.1	5.6
130	43	Cole R. H.	109	-2	5.8	5.3	5.5
62	33	Collett D'son	56	..	5.0	8.6	4.1
186	99	Collins W.	133	..	7.0	5.3	8.3
186	88	Do A	133	..	7.0	5.3	8.3
38	14	Comben Grp	31	+2	2.4b	7.9	7.6
101	80	Comb Eng Strs	88	• ..	4.9	5.6	10.0
114	39	Comet Radiov'n	113	+1	3.9	3.5	10.3
114	84	CompAir	96	-1	6.5	6.7	7.8
40	20	Compton Webb	35	..	2.8	10.1	5.4
23	16	Cook W.	26	+1	2.6	10.0	5.7
55	37	Cope Allman	50½	-1½	5.2	8.3	6.0
17	7	Copson F.	15	..	1.1	7.5	7.6
30½	16½	Corah	33	..	2.8	8.6	4.5
144	94½	Coral Leisure	112	..	9.1a	8.1	6.6
69	39	Cornercroft	59	..	4.8	8.2	12.4
84	34	Cosalt	83	+1	5.1	6.2	4.7
332	134	Costain R.	282	+4	15.2b	6.0	8.5
41	8	Countryside	39	..	1.8	4.6	12.6
107	73	Courts (Furn)	88	..	5.0	5.7	6.0
107	73	Do A NV	88	..	5.0	5.7	6.0
130	89	Courtaulds	111	..	10.7	9.6	5.5
73	30	Courtney Pope	62	..	3.6	5.8	2.9
76	30¼	C'wan de Groot	60	..	3.5	5.9	3.6
44½	23	Cowie T	39½	..	3.4	8.5	3.5
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	23	f ..	..e	..	..
78	26	Crest Nicholson	73	..	5.0	6.8	6.8
78	43	Croda Int	46	..	3.3	7.2	8.5
43	23	Crobite Grp	35	..	3.7	10.6	11.7
48	39	Cropper J.	40	+2	1.3	3.2	..
140	94	Crosby Hse	128	..	..e	..	..
78	45	Crossley Bldg	69	..	6.3	9.1	11.0
88	48	Crouch D.	85	..	6.0	7.0	7.1
73	39	Crouch Grp	69	..	4.2	6.0	12.1
43	29¼	Crown House	32	..	4.7	9.1	10.1
48	29	Crowther J.	32	..	0.9	2.8	..
147	81	Cum'ns En Cv	£104	-2	375	3.6	..
160	63½	Dale Electric	136	..	4.3	3.0	13.6
23¼	14	Dana Corp	£20	..	67.3	3.4	..
39	8	Dartmouth Inv	19½	..	1.3	6.9	11.4
174	70¼	Davies & New	132	..	11.1	8.4	7.4
87	29	Davis G.	76½	..	8.0	9.5	6.2
369	150	Davy Int	237	..	15.5	6.8	7.8
127	68	Dawson J.	126	b ..	7.6	5.9	16.4
850	350	De Beers Ind	510	..	44.0	8.7	9.8
32	21	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.3	11.3	6.4
118	64½	Debenhams	101	-1	8.0	8.6	6.9
310	189½	De La Rue	290	..	15.0	5.4	8.5
360	233	Decca	420	..	16.6	4.0	13.9
365	223	Do A	410	..	16.6	4.0	13.7
81	48	Delta Metal	72	..	7.6	10.6	6.6
100	64	Dentsply? Dehiorware	70	..	8.3	11.7	..
378	68	De Vere Hotels	188	..	6.7	4.2	29.5
67	37	Dewhurst I. J.	66	• -1	3.7	4.0	5.3
143	80	DRG	120	+1	10.6	8.8	6.5
170	67	Diploma Inv	142	..	5.9	4.6	8.8
70	28	Dixon D.	70	..	3.8	5.4	11.1
176	83	Dixons Photo	146	+3	3.4	2.3	7.1
64	30	Dixor	69	• ..	0.9	1.8	80.0
84	37	Dobson Park	84	..	3.3	3.8	6.6
67	41	Dom Hldgs	67	..	8.6	9.9	12.0
106	45½	Douglas R. M.	85	..	4.8	5.7	5.9
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	24	..	1.7	7.1	11.1
209	105	Dowding G. H.	208	..	16.8	7.9	4.5
181	93	Dowty Grp	174	..	6.7	3.8	11.1
27	13½	Drake & Scull	23½	..	..	..	3.6
56	28	Dreamland Elec	46	..	3.9	8.4	4.3
47	33	Dufay	37	..	2.6	6.9	11.5
139	73¼	Dunlop Hldgs	80	-1	8.6	10.9	8.3
14½	9½	Duple Int	13	-½	0.9	6.9	6.4
87½	57½	Duport	67	..	6.4	9.6	4.7
134	41	Durapipe Int	103	..	5.7	5.5	6.4
80	26	Dutton For	47	-½	4.3	9.1	5.0
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	24	..	..e	..	8.7
253	142	E.M.I.	156	-1	14.0	9.0	5.9
128	22½	ERF Hldgs	106	..	3.7	3.5	4.9
82	33	E Lancs Paper	49	..	5.0	10.3	8.3
82	52	Eastern Prod	90	..	6.6	7.3	7.0
108	56	Eastwood J. B.	90	+2	5.9	6.5	2.3
154	105	Edbro	146	..	5.9	6.1	6.6
45	19	Elbco Hldgs	41	..	2.9	7.1	11.2
48	33	Elec & Ind Secs	45½	..	4.5	10.0	7.3
362	89	Electrocomps	360	+6	7.5	2.1	16.6
24½	15	Electronic Mach	20	..	..	..	..
124	48	Elect'nic Rent	113	-1	7.6	6.7	8.1
119	82½	Elliott B.	94	..	7.9	8.4	5.3
44	34	Elliott Grp	32	..	..e	..	6.9
97	66	Ellis & Everard	81	..	7.6	9.4	14.9
33½	14½	Ellis & Gold	23½	+3½	2.9	12.3	10.2
70	37	Elson & Robbins	73	..	4.7	6.5	5.7
23	9	Elswick Hopper	19½	..	1.4	7.0	8.2
262	82½	Empire Stores	160	• ..	7.3	4.6	12.6
16½	4½	Energy Serv	10¼	..	0.3b	2.8	13.6
35	22	England J. E.	31	• ..	2.2	6.9	7.9
34	26	English & O'seas	26	..	0.9	3.4	14.5
108	50	English Card Cl	81	..	4.3	5.1	4.5
108	69¼	Eng China Clay	81	+1	5.4	6.8	9.0
80	61	Erith & Co	74	..	8.3	11.1	9.1
220	123	Esperanza	151	..	8.0	5.3	5.0
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	61	..	7.6b	12.4	2.0
116½	54	Euro Ferries	111	-1	4.2	3.8	8.8
107	53	Eva Industries	79	-1	7.2	9.1	5.3
211	131	Ever Ready	136	..	6.1	4.4	7.0
47½	31	Evode Hldgs	37	..	3.7	4.7	8.6
27½	14½	Ewer G.	26	..	2.6a	7.8	10.0
19½	7½	Excalibur	15	..	0.8	5.1	8.9
105	65	Exch Telegraph	94	..	7.7a	8.2	8.1
77½	55	Expand Metal	64	..	5.5	8.7	7.4

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	65	..	3.8	5.7	3.4
36	7	FPA Cons	20	-1	1.7	8.6	8.9
82	39½	Fairbairn L'sn	67½	+2½	7.6	12.3	8.0
71	37½	Fairclough Cons	68	..	3.6	5.5	8.0
115	79	Fairview Est	115	+1	8.9	7.8	5.6
125	108	Farmer S.W.	120	..	7.7	6.4	6.4
240	81	Farnell Elect	236	..	10.0	4.2	8.8
47	13	Fed Lnd & Build	44	..	3.5	7.9	11.8
36	23	Feedex Ltd	32	..	0.9	6.3	8.1
150	111	Fenner J. H.	130	..	10.2	7.3	8.9
108	45	Ferguson Ind	93	+1	9.1	9.8	9.7
48	19½	Fine Art Dev	46½	..	2.8	6.0	11.1
319	150	Finlay J.	309	+1	9.9	3.2	8.5
31	8	Finlay Pack	19	..	0.9	4.7	7.0
400	263	Fisons	340	+2	19.3	5.7	6.9
73	43	Fitch Lovell	64	..	6.1	9.6	8.1
83	43½	Flexidrive Eng	69	..	5.0	7.2	7.3
60	38	Fodens	60	..	3.8	6.3	6.9
157	43	Fogarty E.	143	• ..	5.2	3.2	4.5
25½	13½	Folkes Hefo NV	23	..	2.1	9.1	6.5
34	20	Ford M.	33	..	2.7	8.5	9.4
358	130	Ford Mtr BDR	200	+5	8.3	4.2	21.1
136	48½	Formminster	138	..	6.0	4.4	6.6
212	131	Foseco Min	142	-1	6.5	4.6	8.4
82	59	Foster Bros	91	-1	4.3	4.7	11.7
34	18	Foster J.	34	+1	2.5	7.4	12.0
94	69	Fothergill & H	88	..	9.4	10.7	7.3
48	28	Francis G. R.	42	..	5.4	12.8	7.8
70	28	Francis Ind	64	..	5.1	8.0	3.9
319	127	Freemans Ldn	312	-4	9.0	2.9	13.4
75	49	French T.	62	..	3.9	6.2	4.7
38½	14	French Kier	36	..	2.3b	6.1	11.6
86	53	Friedland Doggt	86	..	4.7	5.4	6.3
63	48	GEI Int	58	-1	5.0	8.3	5.7
67	39½	Galliford Brindley	56	+1	5.1	9.1	6.0
18	7½	Garford-Lilley	16	..	1.1	6.8	6.3
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	96	..	6.6	7.1	4.8
282	163	GEC	240	-1	5.8	2.4	9.6
104½	94½	Do F Rate	£100½	..	809	..	..
27	13½	Ged Eng (Rad)	19	..	1.5	8.1	5.1
330	185	Gen Mtr BDR	265	+5	11.0g	4.1	25.7
156	124	Gestetner 'A'	136	..	6.8	3.7	6.3
74	32½	Gibbons Dudley	71½	..	3.6	5.3	3.5
105	65	Gieves Grp	96	-2	6.6	6.9	9.3
340	161½	Gill & Duffus	232	+6	13.2	5.7	7.8
58	23	Glltspur Ltd	53½	..	4.1	7.6	8.8
71	36	Glass & Metal	70	-1	4.2	9.0	6.0
26	13	Glass Glover	24	..	1.9	7.8	6.6
687	400	Glaxo Hldgs	527	..	16.2	3.1	10.8
34	19	Gleeson M. J.	44	..	2.8	6.3	6.8
85	34	Glossop & W.J.	57	-1	5.5	9.6	6.2
126	76	Glynwed	111	-1	12.4	11.2	11.1
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	65	..	5.7	8.8	12.9
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	78	-½	4.8	6.1	9.8
85	60	Gordon & Gotch	83	..	4.0	4.9	7.9
25	11	Gordon L. Grp	20	..	..e	..	..
83	47	Grampian Hldgs	52	• ..	6.1	11.8	3.9
98	49¾	Granada 'A'	93	..	3.0	3.2	10.2
108	69½	Grand Met Ltd	106	-1½	6.4	6.1	8.8
368	182	Gt Univ Stores	294	-3	11.8	4.0	13.9
346	175	Do A	284	-3	11.8	4.1	13.2
47	17½	Greenfield Mill	42	-1	1.9	4.5	5.0
89	65	Greens Econ	67	• ..	6.4	9.6	7.3
55	26	Gripperrods	42	..	3.6	8.5	4.7
368	257	GKN	269	• -1	23.6	8.8	11.0
109	71	Haden Carrier	98	-1	11.9	12.1	6.3
110	65	Haggas J.	97	-1	1.0	1.1	7.5
96	62½	Hall Eng	93	-1	6.7	7.3	8.1
207	99¾	Hall M.	201½	+½	10.0a	5.0	8.1
66	14	Halma Ltd	59½	..	2.1	3.5	9.8
104	88	Hamimex Corp	88	..	43.0	48.9	4.9
181	100	Hanson Trust	143	-1	9.5	6.7	7.0
51	20	Hardy Furn	35	..	..e	..	..
43	23	Do A	31	..	..e	..	..
61	38	Hargreaves Grp	57	-1	4.6	8.0	9.3
52	34½	Harris Sheldon	45	• -½	4.8	10.0	7.2
113	45	Harrison T.C.	113	..	5.8	5.1	10.7
475	378½	Harrison Cros	475	+12	18.2b	4.1	11.6
85	41	Hartwells Grp	93	-2	6.7	7.2	5.9
214	112	Hawker Sidd	200	-4	6.2	3.1	7.8
76	48	Hawkins & T'son	69	-1	8.1	8.8	4.3
76	34	Hawthorn L.	72	..	..	..	..
189	37	Hays Wharf	128	-10	7.5	5.9	13.3
38½	13½	Headlam Sims	34	-½	1.9	5.6	7.0
16½	8½	Helene of Ldn	17¼	..	1.0	5.7	4.2
38	20	Helical Bar	38	..	..e	..	22.6
87	39	Hend'son Kent	73	..	3.3	4.5	4.3
144	79	Henly's	115	..	10.0a	8.7	4.5
100	38½	Hepworth Cer	78	• ..	5.0	6.4	6.2
65	28½	Hepworth J.	62	..	3.6	5.8	9.9
11½	6½	Herman Smith	9½	..	0.4	4.3	26.5
143	76	Hestair	108	-1	9.5	8.8	4.6
60	17½	Hewden-Stuart	57	..	1.9	3.4	6.1
33½	11	Hewitt J.	20	..	1.6	7.8	4.6
89	63	Hicking P'cost	79	..	9.8	12.4	9.1
203½	98½	Hickson Welch	175	..	5.3	3.0	4.7
87	58	Higgs & Hill	80	..	5.2	6.5	4.0
49	29¼	Hill & Smith	46	..	3.0	6.6	2.8
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	115	..	0.8	5.6	..
309	21	Hillards	190	+5	8.7	3.5	5.4
92	66	Hoffnung S.	76	..	6.4	8.4	5.0
64	33	Hollas Grp	58	..	6.4	11.0	4.3
74	34	Hollis Bros	61	..	6.7	11.0	8.5
145	70	Holt Lloyd	133	-1	8.5	6.3	13.4
133	60	Home Charm	133	..	8.3	4.2	9.1
416	185	Hoover	320	..	22.5	7.0	12.4
412	186	Do A	320	..	22.5	7.0	12.4
108	55	Hopkinsons	91	+4	7.1	7.8	4.8
105	38	Horizon Mid	102	..	5.6	8.4	9.6
157	91	Hse of Fraser	148	..	7.2	4.9	16.8
78	58	Hoveringham	78	..	2.9	3.7	9.2
68	21½	Do RV	68	..	3.2	4.6	8.0
23	11½	Howard & Wynd	20	-½	0.5	2.5	11.4
23	10½	Do A	18½	-½	0.5	2.7	10.5
62	37	Howard Mach	32	..	3.4	10.8	32.4
31	17	Howard Tenens	28½	..	2.6	9.1	..
71	39	Howden Grp	56	..	5.6	10.1	10.5
13½	9½	Hudsons Bay	£13½	+½	31.3	3.3	13.8
30	10	Hunt Moscrop	29½	..	1.1	4.0	7.8
220	78	Hunting Assoc	218	..	4.5	2.1	9.8
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	88	• ..	3.6	4.0	5.1
78	47	Hutch Whamp	77	+2	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
384	150	ICL	250	+5	11.3	4.5	4.8
115	73	IDC Grp	118	..	11.6	11.8	23.2
182	74	Ibstock Johns'n	146	-1	9.3	6.4	5.5
448	329½	Imp Chem Ind	340	..	25.0	7.4	7.5
130	78	Imp Cold Store	106	..	7.8	7.3	4.2
89½	66	Imperial Grp	76	-1	8.6	11.3	5.8
69	46	Imp Metal Ind	59	-½	5.0	8.5	7.2
34½	17	Ingall Ind	28¼	..	2.8	12.0	8.7
39	27	Ingram H.	38	• ..	4.3	11.2	6.0
70½	48	Initial Services	69½	..	6.6	9.5	11.7
72	41½	Int Paint	67	..	3.8	5.3	5.9
135	70	Int Timber	117	-1	9.9	8.5	5.4
82	47	Inveresk Grp	67	..	7.4	11.0	7.8
9¼	6⅛	Itoh BDR	£7⅛	..	8.8	1.1	..
69	38	JB Hldgs	58	..	1.6	1.8	5.3
37	12	Jacks W.	27	..	1.0	3.7	..
60	37	Jacksons B'End	62	..	..e	..	..
16¾	9¾	James M. Ind	14	-½	0.8	5.4	..
258	149	Jardine M'son	235	+9	6.5	2.7	..
197	86	Jarvis J.	180	..	13.6	7.5	5.9
42	16	Jessups Hldgs	39	..	2.4	6.0	8.8
88	43½	Johnson & F B	66	..	7.1	10.8	4.8
101	27	Johnson Grp	94	+2	5.3	5.3	4.5
493	307	Johnson Matt	410	..	20.2	4.9	6.6
118	34	Johnson-Richd	113	b +2	2.7	2.3	13.8
90	47½	Jones Stroud	85	..	6.3a	7.4	6.5
44	21	Jourdan T.	40	• ..	4.4	11.0	4.5
60	37	K Shoes	56	..	3.6	6.1	5.7
39½	19½	Kalamazoo	29	• ..	3.1	10.7	6.6
113	36	Kelsey Ind	99	..	4.5	4.8	4.6
64	49½	Kenning Mtr	68½	..	6.3	9.2	6.1
44	21	Kent M. P.	40	..	3.2	8.0	10.6
73	13	Kitchen Taylor	65	..	1.5	2.8	3.9
113	52½	Kode Int	113	..	7.1	6.3	6.1
62½	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	61½	..	1.3	2.3	22.8
137¼	65½	Kwik Save Disc	123	-2	3.9	5.3	11.4
96	62	LCP Hldgs	86	+1	7.3	8.4	7.6
48	29½	LRC Int	39½	-½	4.4	11.5	6.6
127	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	126	-2	10.5	8.3	7.4
216	80	Ladbroke	188	• ..	10.6a	5.6	6.5
46½	28½	Ladies Pride	42	• -1	2.9	7.0	8.3
171	70	Laing J.	174	..	8.6	4.1	10.0
170	69	Do A	131	..	5.0	4.3	9.8
87	44	Laird Grp Ltd	87	..	4.5	5.1	5.8
65	43	Lake & Elliot	48½	-½	5.1	11.0	10.9
41	31	Lambert H'wth	40	+1	4.8	12.0	5.2
78	28	Laing D. Grp	53	..	5.0	9.4	3.7
131	63½	Laporte Ind	83	..	10.3	11.6	5.2
135	84	Latham J.	112	..	10.8	9.4	6.1
138	45	Laurence Scott	113	+3	7.8	6.7	6.6
106	58	Lawrence W.	92	• ..	9.9	10.7	6.9
66	24	Lawtex	55	..	4.8	8.7	3.0
177	125	Lead Industries	143	..	11.2	7.9	6.3
62	36	Le-Bas E.	41	..	2.5	6.1	..
35	19½	Lee A.	24	..	2.2	9.2	3.2
139	72½	Lee Cooper	130	-2	2.5	1.9	6.6
180	32½	Leigh Int	138	..	5.5a	4.0	18.2
118	88½	Leisure C'van	108	-1	6.7	6.2	12.6
45	27	Lennons Grp	37	-1	2.8	8.3	12.0
283	119	Lep Grp	237	..	5.2	2.2	7.1
82	67	Lesney Ord	84	..	4.1	4.9	4.7
167	70	Letraset	139	-2	4.6	3.3	9.6
82	38½	Lex Services	77	..	5.3	6.8	4.7
26	8½	Liberty Ord	120	..	70.0	2.7	9.0
88	53	Lilley F. J. C.	66	• ..	3.8	5.7	6.1
61	38	Linecroft Kilg	54	..	5.2	9.7	3.0
151	88	Lindustries	139	..	13.6	9.8	6.0
197½	100	Linfood Hldgs	142	+2	14.3	10.0	6.0
39	19	Linread	37	..	3.0	8.2	..
47	22	Lister & Co	44	..	0.2e	0.5	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	68	-½	7.6	11.2	6.6
18½	2	Locker T.	16½	+½	1.3	6.7	8.4
18½	8½	Do A	16½	+½	1.3	8.0	8.5
118	88	Lockwoods Fds	115	..	5.6	4.9	6.2
81	44	Ldn & M'land	76	..	7.2b	9.5	6.7
43½	23	Ldn & N'thern	27	..	3.0b	11.2	5.0
85	38	Ldn Brick Co	85	• ..	4.9	7.8	4.9
217	94	Ldn Prov Post	211	..	14.8	7.0	7.8
73	31	Langton Trans	57	..	5.4	9.4	3.3
87	68	Lonrho	71	-1	9.9	14.0	4.2
85	29	Lonsdale Univ	80	..	7.0	8.8	5.6
67	26	Lookers	64	-1	3.7	5.8	3.4
90	44	Lovell Hldgs	83	..	5.9	7.1	3.3
175	120	Low & Bonar	174	• ..	26.8a	9.6	5.5
337	204	Lucas Ind	278	-2	12.6	4.6	6.9
88	25	Lyon & Lyon	73	• -1	9.1	12.1	5.9
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	92	+1	11.5	12.5	7.2

M—N

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
81	16½	MFI Furn	73	..	3.3	4.2	20.1
214	87	MK Electric	169	+1	8.8	5.2	7.2
115	48	ML Hldgs	118	+4	6.4	5.4	10.2
70	37	MY Dart	65	-1	3.3	5.1	5.0
253	138	McCorquodale	242	..	21.5	8.9	6.8
48	15	McInerney Prop	38	..	..	..	17.2
19	10	McCleery L'Amie	15	+1½	0.4	2.7	..
49	25	Mackay H.	43	+1	4.9	11.4	20.3
94	69½	McKechnie Bros	84	..	7.5	8.8	5.0
45	12½	Mackinnon (Scot)	40	..	2.5	6.3	5.2
57	31	McNeill Grp	57	..	..	..	..
63½	37	Macpherson D.	61	• ..	4.0	6.5	6.2
65	17	Madame Tussds	64	h ..	3.7a	5.8	13.6
217	113	Magnet & Sthns	173	-2	12.9	7.4	8.0
85½	29	Mallinson Denny	46	..	4.2	9.1	5.5
78	50	Man Agcy Music	73	-1	8.5	11.4	3.6
30	15	Manch Garages	27½	-1	3.6	13.0	3.6
247	177	Man Ship Canal	220	+3	23.6	10.7	12.0
100	24	Mang Bronze	80	..	2.8	3.6	3.8
53	27	Manordale Grp	51	..	6.2	12.2	4.9
17½	8½	Maple Hldgs	17½	..	..e	..	..
293	114	Marchwiel	274	-4	5.3	1.9	6.4
170	85	Marks & Spencer	144	-2	6.4	4.4	17.5
90	46	Marley Ltd	80	..	3.6	4.7	8.0
24	6½	Marling Ind	17	-½	1.5	9.0	8.6
38½	31	Marshall Cav	33½	+2½	4.6	13.3	7.6
46	27	Marshall T Lox	44	+2	3.8	8.6	2.0
44	26	Do A	42	+1	3.8	9.0	2.5
182	95	Marshalls Univ	154	..	9.5	6.2	5.2
97	45	Martin-Black	47	..	6.7	14.3	4.7
254	97½	Martin-News	254	..	10.2	4.0	6.0
160	81	Martonair	160	..	8.3	5.2	8.9
85	45	May & Hassell	81	..	4.4	7.1	4.1
134	60	Maynards	134	..	7.6	5.6	8.4
31	16	Mears Bros	24	..	2.7	11.3	..
36	10½	Medminster	25	+1	2.9	11.6	14.3
78	50	Melody Mills	75	..	4.4	5.9	8.3
54	30½	Melville D & W	49	..	4.1	10.2	7.8
16	9	Mentmore Mfg	14	..	1.4	9.9	11.7
162	38	Menzies J.	158	..	3.6	2.3	8.2
362	246	Metal Box	300	-2	21.5	7.2	6.4
95	63	Metal Closures	78	• ..	6.4	8.2	6.5
46	13½	Metalrax	43	..	1.7	4.0	7.6
58	28	Maltby	43	..	3.2	7.5	6.1
91	44	Meyer M. L.	78	..	6.9	8.9	3.5
44	16	Midland Ind	41	..	1.5	3.7	6.0
86	39½	Milbury	78	..	7.3	9.3	7.4
195	35	Mills & Allen	175	+5	3.0	1.7	..
265	98	Mim Marmers	197	h ..	8.6b	4.4	7.8
30	30	Mining Supplies	68	..	1.7e	2.8	9.7
49	35	Mit Cotts Grp	43	• ..	5.2	12.0	8.7
68	26½	Mitchell Somers	62	+1	2.4	3.8	6.3
66	43	Mixconcrete	59	..	4.8	8.2	6.5
40	22½	Modern Eng	37	..	4.1	11.0	7.4
132	97	Molins	112	..	10.8	9.7	8.3
92	33½	Monk A.	92	..	5.4	5.5	9.6
50½	32	M'santo 5% Ln	£45½	..	500	11.0	..
59½	40	Do 6% Ln	£59½	..	535	11.7	..
220	98	Do 5% Cnv	£119	+3	500	4.2	..
60	35	Montfort Knit	53	+1	5.3	10.0	6.0
95	25	More O'Ferrall	93	..	5.2	5.6	25.1
137	86	Morgan Cruc	112	..	8.0	7.1	8.0
46	24	Morgan Edwds	35	..	..b	..	63.6
47	34	Morrall Abel	46	..	3.6	7.9	4.9
59	39	Morris & Blakey	48	..	6.2	13.0	11.5
50	33	Do A	48	..	6.2	13.0	11.5
108	44	Moss Bros	94	..	6.1b	6.4	17.0
73	48	Moss Eng	70	-1	6.3	9.0	5.9
310	161	Mothercare	352	-4	4.2	2.7	17.8
15	8	Mortex	14	..	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	127	..	9.9	7.8	6.7
300	127¼	Muirhead	173	..	7.6	4.4	13.2
72	39	Myson Grp	67	..	1.5	2.3	..
117	48	NSS News	111	..	3.9	2.9	10.1
51	27	Nathan B. & I.	47	..	4.6	9.7	10.2
67	38	Nat Carbon	48	..	..e	..	..
39	12	Needlers	38	• ..	2.3	6.3	6.9
48	30½	Neepsend	42	..	4.6	10.8	17.1
90	37	Negretti & Zam	85	..	5.0	5.9	7.7
166	68	Neill J.	99	..	9.7a	9.8	7.6
167	48	Newarthill	154	-3	7.3	4.8	4.5
75	32½	Newman Ind	74	..	7.6	10.2	3.6
72	33	Newman Tonks	61	..	6.1	9.9	7.8
180	66	Newmark L.	158	..	9.3a	6.3	5.0
84	51	Norcros	86	..	6.2	7.2	6.7
44	11	Norfolk C Grp	39	..	0.9	2.9	16.2
48	26	Normand Elec	39	..	4.3	11.1	12.5
100	54	NEI	95	..	5.5b	5.8	..
84	45½	Nthn Foods	90	..	3.7	4.1	10.7
205	44	Norton & Wright	194	..	6.9	3.2	18.7
38	9	Norton W. E.	35	..	1.0	2.8	8.9
108	52	Norwest Holst	88	..	6.4	7.3	8.2
118	60	Notts Mfg	116	..	4.5	3.9	6.8
122	45½	Nurdin & Peacck	89	-1	2.6	2.9	12.4
34	17½	Nu-Swift Ind	24	..	2.4	9.8	11.4

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	68	Ocean Wilsons	82	..	5.4	6.6	8.5
99	53	Office & Elect	96	-1	6.3	6.4	7.9
117	60	Ofrex Grp	112	• -2	3.8	4.9	8.5
38¼	23¼	Ogilvy & M	£39½	+¼	21.5	0.5	16.8
56	40	Osborn S.	96	+5	8.4	5.6	5.9
84	43	Owen Owen	82	..	4.3	5.3	8.3
82	7	Oxley Printing	86½	-½	3.8	6.6	2.4
124½	56½	Parker Knoll 'A'	102	-1	5.0	4.9	4.0
135	80	Parker Timber	103	..	8.3	8.0	4.6
38½	14	Paterson R.	37	-1½	3.8	8.4	10.7
230	126½	Paterson Zoch	190	..	11.7b	6.1	3.8
225	117½	Do A NV	185	..	11.7b	6.3	3.8
133	62½	Pauls & Whites	119	+1	6.5	5.5	8.7
186	103	Pearson Long	193	..	9.1	5.0	7.5
207	123	Pearson & Son	166	..	10.3	6.5	7.8
37½	24½	Do 4½% Ln	£33	..	400	12.1	..
204	152	Pegler-Hatt	160	..	21.6	7.3	5.3
23½	8	Pentland Ind	24	-½	1.0	4.2	5.2
52	42	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
91	43	Perkin El 4½%	£71	..	..	..	..
196	61	Perry H Mtrs	156	..	8.2	4.7	3.4
67	59	Petrocon Grp	61	..	5.7	11.0	7.1
84	51	Philips Fin 5¾%	£67	..	576	10.1	..
11	7½	Philips Lamps	£9	+⅛	42.1	4.6	..
15	7	Phillips Pats	15	..	..	..	34.9
165	84	Phoenix Timber	140	+2	6.5	4.4	7.9
150	67	P'dilly Theatre	140	-10	1.6	1.3	75.7
16	11	Pickles W.	17	+½	1.6	8.0	6.7
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	50	• ..	4.2	4.7	5.5
100	54	Do A	52	• ..	4.2	4.8	6.7
240	273	Pilkington Bros	456	-4	16.8	3.7	6.8
68	44	Pittard Grp	61	..	4.2	6.9	5.7
77	40½	Plastona	77	..	5.4	7.0	6.5
77	31	Pleasurama	77	..	3.1	4.0	7.5
117	62	Plessey	97	..	7.4	7.6	9.8
18½	7½	Do ADR	£13½	+½	..	..	..
83	42	Plysu	73	..	3.0	3.6	10.2
455	126	Pork Farms	458	..	19.8b	4.3	12.0
238	188	Portals Hldgs	216	• -2	11.8	5.5	8.9
127	51	Porter Chad	112	..	7.5	6.7	6.6
59	32	Portsmth News	80	..	4.3	7.3	7.3
220	119	Powell Duffryn	167	-1	15.2	9.1	8.3
74	50	Pratt F Eng	72	..	7.3	10.1	6.1
69	32	Preedy A.	63	..	4.3	5.2	10.8
32	12½	Press W.	23	-1	1.3	5.5	5.3
185	107	Prestige Grp	160	..	8.5	5.3	9.2
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	30	..	4.6	15.2	8.0
185	135	Pretoria P Cem	180	+5	17.6a	9.8	3.6
79	45	Priest B.	72	..	8.0a	11.1	8.0
34½	18½	Pritchard Serv	33½	..	2.3	6.7	8.4
113	37	Pye Hldgs	98	..	5.4a	5.5	6.2
36	12	Pyke W. J.	32	..	1.0	3.1	60.0
43	23	Pyramid Grp	43	..	3.3	7.7	8.8
27¾	14	Quaker Oats	£17¾	+¼	88.7	3.3	10.7
35½	6¼	Queens Moat	37½	-1	..	..	36.8
56	21	Quick H. J.	50½	..	2.5	5.0	5.6
77	31	R.F.D.Group	57	..	2.4	4.2	5.3
80	27	RKT Textiles	72	..	7.1	9.9	4.3
288	117	Racal Elect	214	-6	5.9	2.7	11.9
18	12	Ralne Eng	12½	..	1.3b	9.8	5.8
20	9	[illegible] Grp	17	..	..	..	..
278	140	Rank Org Ord	237	-2	12.1	5.1	7.4
55½	38½	RHM	50	..	5.0	10.0	7.8
67	50	RHP	58	..	5.8	10.0	7.6
158	98	Ransomes Sims	155	..	13.9	8.3	4.8
80	30½	Ratcliffe F. S.	65	..	7.1	11.0	8.4
74¼	12½	Ratners	67	a ..	0.6	1.0	10.3
72	35	Raybeck Ltd	72	..	8.0	7.0	12.7
35½	23½	Readicut Int	32	-½	2.2	7.0	6.7
143	72	RMC	118	• ..	8.7	7.5	7.6
510	330	Reckitt & Colmn	460	..	16.1	3.7	8.3
98	76	Record Ridgway	78	..	6.8a	8.7	6.8
308	76	Redfearn Nat	295	..	24.0	8.1	3.9
97	54	Rediffusion	93	..	6.6	7.0	11.8
181	86	Redland	133	..	6.2	4.7	9.2
62	16	Redman Heenan	52	..	2.8	5.3	3.6
100	32	Reed A.	84	• -2	4.3	5.2	7.0
97	32	Do A NV	82	• -2	4.3	5.3	6.8
81	15	Reed Exec	51	+1	4.2	8.2	7.1
236	102	Reed Int	118	..	19.7	16.7	4.8
39½	14½	Reliance Grp	£28½	..	3.1	1.2	14.4
41	17½	Reliance Knit	41	..	4.5	11.7	5.6
85	44	Rennies Cons	65	..	4.7	7.5	2.7
164	112	Renold Ltd	124	-2	13.1	10.6	5.4
60	35	Rentokil Grp	55	-1	2.4	4.4	12.6
46	17	Renwick Grp	40	..	..e	..	27.0
95½	69	Restmor	89½	+½	7.6	8.2	7.1
45	37	Rexmore	39	+1	6.5	11.1	4.9
140	35¼	Ricardo Eng	132	-4	4.3	3.3	9.9
44	37	Richards & Wall	82	• ..	6.5	8.3	4.8
22	14½	Rich'n-Merrell	£18⅞	-⅛	49.6	2.6	13.9
64	33	Richardsons W.	59½	• -½	6.9	11.5	7.6
144	71½	Rockware Grp	111	..	8.8	7.2	3.4
97	53	Rolls-R Motors	87	+1	7.2	8.2	8.4
52½	25	Ropner Hldgs	41½	..	3.2	7.8	4.9
43	24½	Do A	40	..	3.2	8.1	4.7
19½	4½	Rosgill Hldgs	12	..	..b	..	..
85	30	Rotaflex	44	..	3.5	7.3	6.6
32	22	Rotaprint	41	-½	6.2	20.2	6.8
58	22	Rothmans Int 'B'	52	-½	3.1	8.9	3.3
161	80	Rotork Ltd	158	• ..	9.6	3.1	9.7
167	65	Routledge & K	262	..	5.6	3.4	12.4
102	40	Rowlinson Con	90	..	3.4	3.8	4.6
430	292	Rowntree Mac	400	..	12.4	3.1	9.6
167	68	Rowton Hotels	155	+1	9.0	5.8	16.7
142	94	Royal Worcs	134	-1	9.7	7.2	28.5
41	14	Royco Grp	37	-1	2.3	6.1	9.3
40	18	Ruberoid	38	• -2	3.4	9.0	9.3
90	40	Rugby Cement	75	..	5.9b	7.9	8.2
61	33	Do NV	56	..	4.5	8.2	14.1
184	59	SGB Grp	148	-2	9.0	5.4	[illegible]
19	7½	SKF 'B'	£12¾	..	47.9	3.8	6.1
134	52	Saatchi	134	+2	6.3	4.7	10.3
37½	26½	Sabah Timber	31	..	2.3	7.0	3.2
225	130	Sainsbury J.	170	..	8.6	5.0	10.8
27	19½	St Gobain	£27	+1½	63.7	2.4	12.8
240	113½	Sale Tilney	236	..	15.5	6.6	6.4
290	216	Samuel H.	290	..	12.0	4.1	14.3
273	113	Do A	269	..	12.0	4.4	13.2
65	41	Sanderson Kay	61	• ..	6.6	10.9	7.1
41	20	Sanderson Mur	37	..	4.7b	12.7	3.9
68	27	Sanger J. E.	31	..	..e	..	6.1
115	74	Sangers	31	..	5.9	20.9	6.3
77	33	Savoy Hotel 'A'	70	• ..	1.7	2.4	20.2
116	69	Scapa Grp	91	+1	5.3a	5.1	1.6
297	193	Scholes G. H.	250	..	20.1	8.7	12.2
93	41	Scotcros	66	..	4.6	6.9	6.5
62	34	S.E.E.T.	49	-1	2.8	5.8	3.2
41	16½	Scot Heritable	38	..	2.0a	5.1	4.8
72	25	Scottish TV 'A'	60	..	3.6	6.0	4.3
123	55	Scot Univ Inv	118	h +1	3.0	2.6	58.7
70½	32½	Sears Hldgs	65	..	3.6	5.8	16.3
88	45	Securicor Grp	92	-4	1.9	2.1	6.6
98	40	Do NV	90	-4	1.9	2.1	6.6
102	46	Security Serv	102	-6	3.0	3.0	5.7
100	46	Do A	100	+6	3.0	3.0	5.8
25	11½	Sekers Int	27	-1	3.1b	7.3	15.1
28	10½	Sellncourt	24	..	1.8	7.7	4.5
27	15	Senior Eng	24	..	1.8	7.5	7.1
129	44	Serck	84	+1	9.0	10.7	6.9
39½	23	Shakespeare J.	34½	-1	2.9	5.5	7.0
29	13	Shaw Carpets	29	-1	..e	..	..
101	23	Sheepbridge	67	-1	6.4	9.6	6.5
13½	7½	Sherman S.	23	..	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	84	..	9.1	10.9	9.7
192	113	Siebe Gorman	165	..	8.0	4.9	9.2
68	30	Siemssen Hunt	59	+3	4.2	7.2	7.3
175	132	Signode Tst Cn	£165	..	70	4.2	..
230	129	Simon Eng	298	..	21.8	6.7	6.7
100	36	Simpson S.	100	..	5.8	5.8	8.1
97	36	Do A	97	..	5.8	6.0	7.8
67	31	Sirdar	66	..	4.4	6.7	5.0
83	54	600 Group	77	..	5.9	7.6	7.7
109	55	Sketchley	95	..	7.0	7.2	11.6
33	19	Small & Tidmas	29	..	3.0	10.4	8.9
40	10	Smallshaw R.	37	..	2.3	6.2	4.1
53	21½	Smart J.	53	..	5.5	10.4	6.4
59	23	Smith D. S.	80	-1	3.9	4.8	6.9
67½	37½	Smith & Neph	63½	..	3.7	5.8	7.6
169	67½	Smith W. H. 'A'	146	+1	3.1	2.1	16.4
182	120	Smiths Ind	169	..	11.4	7.1	7.3
210	85	Smurfit	191	+1	9.2	4.8	16.3
27	18	Sobranie	34	..	2.5	10.6	9.8
20	15	Do NV	33	..	2.5	11.0	9.4
60	42	Solicitors Law	37	-1	3.9	10.3	18.5
282	156	Sotheby P. B.	251	..	12.7	4.9	10.9
173	111	Spear & Jackson	134	+6	14.2	10.6	13.4
245	100	Spear J. W.	226	-3	2.8	1.3	7.8
33	14	Spencer Gears	33	..	1.7	5.0	9.0
39½	23	Spillers	37	..	2.1a	7.6	10.8
290	140	Spirax-Sarco	270	• -1	13.5	5.0	10.2
59	27	Spooner Ind	49	..	4.0	8.2	4.9
153	65	Staffs Potts	139	-1	5.5	4.0	6.9
49	10½	Stafiex Int	18½	-½	..e	..	1.5
114½	40½	Stag Furniture	94	• +1½	7.3	7.7	6.7
142	84	Stanley A. G.	133	..	8.6	6.6	6.6
230	163	Staveley Ind	219	..	13.2	6.0	7.4
380	204½	Steel Bros	380	..	19.7	5.2	6.4
234	138	Steetley Co	184	..	9.3	5.3	4.5
16	9	Steinberg	15	..	1.3	9.7	17.2
58	35	Stew't & Ll 6%	58	..	..	..	..
85	23	Stocklake Hldgs	61	-1	3.9	6.4	3.3
193	84	Stokes J. & Son	145	..	5.9	4.0	5.4
97	40½	Stonehill	86	..	9.1b	10.6	6.1
146	93	Stone Platt	111	..	5.5	4.9	5.4
174	93	Stothert & Pitt	166	..	14.8	9.0	7.5
43½	27	Streeters	29	..	2.8	9.3	5.0
87	66	Strong & Fisher	59	..	6.6	11.3	3.4
32	11	Sunbeam W'sey	31	+3	4.2	13.4	7.8
57	28	Sutcliffe S'man	53½	..	3.6	6.9	8.3
150	78	Swire Pacific 'A'	123	+6	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	17	..	2.0	11.9	10.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31	9	Tace	29½	..	1.9a	6.4	5.2
14⅝	6¼	Takeda Bdr	£13½	..	18.6	1.3	42.1
28¼	3	Talbex Grp	29½	..	0.8b	3.5	22.2
230	124	Tarmac Ltd	137	-1	13.4	9.9	7.7
280	136	Tate & Lyle	188	-3	20.4	10.8	4.5
139	93	Taverner R'tldge	100	..	8.8	8.8	14.5
85	43	Taylor Pallis	82	• ..	6.8	8.3	8.3
304	244	Taylor Woodrow	342	..	11.5	3.4	8.1
122	48	Tecalemit	120½	..	5.5	4.5	8.5
42	18	Telefusion	34	..	1.9	5.5	5.6
41	17	Do A	33	..	1.9	5.6	5.5
142	84	Telephone Rent	120	..	8.3	6.9	10.6
82½	35	Tesco	40	-½	3.3	8.8	9.0
39½	31	Textured Jersey	21	..	1.5b	7.2	18.2
159	81	Thermal Synd	114	..	10.2	8.9	8.1
294½	121½	Thomson Org	235	-6	3.0	1.3	41.2
450	196½	Thorn Electric	334	-2	10.4	3.1	9.1
14½	6½	Thurgar Bardex	14	-½	1.0	7.4	4.9
865	405	Tiger Oats	540	..	30.9	5.7	4.8
282	184	Tilbury Cont	280	• +2	30.4	11.7	5.1
122	64½	Tilling T.	115	+1	6.5	5.7	6.3
129	42	Time Products	126	..	2.4	1.9	10.8
20	8	Titaghur Jute	10	..	..	..	..
32	18	Tomkins F. H.	25	..	1.5	6.3	8.4
51½	31	Tootal	49	..	3.8	7.7	11.1
48	16	Toye	45	..	1.3	2.8	28.8
51	32½	Tozer Kemsley	51	..	4.7	9.2	6.2
105	65	Trafalgar H Ltd	122	-2	7.8	6.4	8.4
82	45	Trans Paper	69	..	6.7	9.8	8.5
73	48	Transport Dev	67	-1	4.8	7.2	10.8
5¾	2	Transwood Grp	4	..	..	..	..
148	77	Travis & Arnold	138	-2	5.8	4.2	8.9
62	25	Tricoville	61	..	2.8	4.5	5.6
59	31½	Trident TV 'A'	51	..	4.3	8.4	6.4
88	50	Triplex Found	78	..	6.6	8.5	6.1
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	194	-3	12.4	6.4	6.9
431	311½	Tube Invest	366	-2	31.8	8.7	4.5
267	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	256	+2	15.5	6.0	9.6
11½	7	Turner Curzon	9¾	..	1.1	11.1	5.9
233	182	Turner Newall	186	a -1	17.4	10.5	5.3
128	83	Turner Mfg	107	-1	6.1	5.7	4.1
73	27	Turriff	60	..	3.2	5.3	6.9
79	34	UBM Grp	72	+1	6.4	8.9	10.3
99	54	UDS Grp	88	..	7.3	8.3	14.4
192	143	UKO Int	152	..	12.5	8.2	8.2
103	65	Unicorn Ind	95	• ..	8.2	8.7	6.9
57½	42	Unigate	53	..	4.6	9.1	7.8
506	412	Unilever	498	• ..	20.8	4.2	6.3
28⅝	20¼	Do NV	£26¼	..	123	4.6	10.4
113	85	Unitech	113	..	5.7a	5.0	12.1
177	130½	Utd Biscuit	154	..	8.2	5.3	8.6
64	21½	Utd City Merc	62	..	1.2	1.9	7.6
38	20	Utd Eng	36	..	3.4	9.4	9.9
63	31½	Utd Gas Ind	54	..	5.5	10.2	8.5
352	198	Utd News	350	..	21.2	6.1	7.2
302	91½	Utd Scientific	297	-2	9.1	3.1	12.4
42	19	Valor	38	..	3.0	7.6	6.8
132	78	Vantona	122	..	7.8	6.4	8.6
155	95	Vereeniging Ref	150	..	17.9	11.9	4.0
19⅝	9¼	Verco	£17⅝	f ..	11.6	0.7	..
174	94	Vibroplant	162	..	15.0	9.3	11.8
243	144	Vickers	173	-4	13.8	8.0	4.3
48½	26	Vita-Tex	43	..	4.9	11.5	6.2
182	71	Vosper	148	+1	7.0	4.8	5.2
79	37	W Ribbons	74	• ..	5.0	6.8	7.0
118	70	W.G.I.	87	..	8.8	9.1	20.8
272	111	Waddington J.	210	..	3.6	1.7	7.5
38	19	Wade Potteries	36	+1½	2.2	6.8	7.5
117	70	Wadkin	113	-1	8.2	7.9	4.3
125	63	Wagon Ind	117	..	11.2b	9.6	8.8
37½	10	Walker & Homer	11½	..	1.4	11.8	3.3
130	78½	Walker C & W	117	..	9.1	7.8	6.3
103	32	Walker J. Gold	74	-4	3.5	4.8	5.9
103	32	Do NV	73	-½	3.5	4.8	5.8
117	53½	Ward & Gold	89	..	6.2	6.9	6.3
67	33½	Ward T. W.	64½	..	6.2	9.8	10.4
21	13	Wardle B.	19	..	1.9	10.1	3.8
90½	44½	Waring & Gillow	88	..	5.0	5.7	8.1
46	20¼	Warne Wright	43	..	4.0	9.3	3.3
90	44	Warren J.	63	h -2	..e	..	..
54	18½	Warrington T.	44	-1	4.7	10.8	23.5
82	21¾	Waterford Glass	46	..	2.0	4.4	10.9
85	36½	Watmoughs	84	..	5.5a	6.5	6.7
79	36	Watson & Philip	57	..	3.7	6.5	5.6
175	103½	Watts Blake	153	• ..	6.4	4.2	10.1
22½	10½	Wearwell	19	..	..e	..	4.4
190	71½	Weir Grp	115	• -2	7.9	6.9	5.0
25½	9	Wellco Hldgs	23½	+½	0.8	3.2	3.9
50	31	Wellman Eng	47½	-½	3.1	6.9	6.5
44	22	Westbrick Pds	33	..	2.2	6.7	7.5
57	29	Westinghse Brke	50	-1	3.2a	6.4	5.4
69½	41	Westland Air	47	..	4.8	10.3	12.2
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	f ..	..	..	..
38	15	Wharf Mill	22	..	2.2	9.8	10.1
54	35	Whatlings	43	..	3.9	9.0	8.3
249	115	W'sheaf Dist	196	h -2	11.4	5.8	10.6
50½	38	Wh'lock Mar	41½	-½	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	86	+1	7.0	8.1	4.8
17	8	Wheway Watson	16	..	1.3	8.3	9.6
64	41	White Child	77	..	6.8	8.8	3.6
195	138	Whitecroft	180	..	20.0	11.1	4.0
54	16	Whiteley BSW	43	..	0.8e	1.8	18.0
125	88	Wholesale Fit	125	..	8.3	6.6	7.3
276	65	Wigfall H.	209	k ..	11.4	5.4	10.9
37	11	Wiggins Constr	35	..	2.4	9.6	8.0
128	53	Wight Cons	138	+2	10.2	7.8	10.1
216	129	Wilkins'n Match	163	-7	13.3	8.1	8.9
104	79	Do 10% Conv	153	+1	1000	10.8	..
45	22¾	Wma J. Cardiff	46	..	4.3	9.1	6.0
61	36	Wills G. & Sons	60	..	2.2	3.7	6.3
91½	51	Wilmot Breeden	67½	-½	4.7	6.9	5.0
47	17½	Wilson Bros	38½	..	2.1	5.5	9.4
91	38	Wimpey G	72	+1	0.9	1.2	9.4
47	24	Winn Ind	44	-½	6.2	14.2	3.5
44	38½	[illegible] Ind	42	-½	4.4	10.4	9.9
290	82	W'sley Hughes	157	..	10.6	6.7	8.8
38	12	Wood & Sons	33	• ..	1.8	3.1	6.5
47	30	Wood S. W.	39	-1	5.5	14.9	..
101	63	Wood Hall Tst	94	..	7.3	7.8	8.7
127	48½	Woodhead J.	91	..	5.4	5.9	5.9
52	28	W'dh'se Rixson	31	..	3.5	11.3	29.0
71½	49	Woolworth	66	..	6.3	9.6	12.0
256	140	Yarrow & Co	360	..	7.3	2.6	9.9
75	23½	York Trailer	71	..	3.3	4.8	6.8
50	32	Youghal C'pts	32	-1	..	..	..
44	11	Young H. Hldgs	40	..	..e	..	..
54	21	Zetters	56	..	1.8	3.5	11.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
295	175	Akroyd & Sm	217	..	25.4	11.7	3.5
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	390	..	3.5	0.9	4.2
32	17	Boustead	32	+1	2.3	7.1	8.2
38	6	Brit Arrow	20	-½	..	..	..
163	102	Challenge Corp	126	+2	6.8	5.3	6.7
56	42	Charterhse Grp	56	-1	5.1	9.8	11.2
42¼	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£47	-½	..	..	..
348	215	Daily Mail Tst	280	..	18.2	6.5	17.6
345	210	Do A	278	..	18.2	6.6	17.4
262	133	Dalgety	280	-1	19.5	7.0	8.7
37½	13	Dawnay Day	33	..	1.5	4.6	12.9
33	13	Edin Ind Hldgs	18	..	0.2a	0.9	36.4
113	79	Electra Inv	103	+½	6.5	6.3	22.5
37	13	Exploration	24	..	0.5	2.1	10.1
85	27	FC Finance	73	-½	3.0	4.2	30.1
35	14	Goode D & M Grp	22	• -1	0.2	0.9	..
477	290½	Inchcape	410	-2	23.7b	5.8	8.4
126	60	Lloyds & Scot	96	-2	6.0	7.0	11.3
18	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	17	..	..	..	..
130	61	M&G Grp (Hldgs)	104	..	5.2	5.0	21.0
64	26	Manson Fin	48	..	4.9	10.0	17.3
76	47	Martin R. P.	48	..	7.2	15.0	7.2
119	65	Prov Fin Grp	91	..	7.4	8.1	6.1
153	87	Sime Darby	132	+5	3.5	2.8	13.0
61	37	Smith Bros	55	..	7.5	13.5	11.6
750	631	Tyndall O'seas	735	..	46.4	6.4	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	38	-1	..e	..	27.7
56½	21¼	Wagon Fin	44	• -1	3.1	7.1	9.3
87½	33	Yule Catto	76	-½	2.1	2.7	10.2

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	107	..	4.5	4.2	..
48	38	Brentnall Beard	40	+2	1.9	4.8	12.2
184	112	Britannic	156	..	13.9	8.9	..
172	102½	Com Union	143	-1	11.6	8.1	..
180	107	Eagle Star	142	-3	9.3	6.5	..
194	114	Equity & Law	154	• ..	10.1	6.6	..
294	161	Gen Accident	206	-4	12.3	6.0	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	214	• -4	15.4	7.2	..
308	185	Hambro Life	305	• ..	30.3	9.9	..
295	136½	Heath C. E.	252	..	7.5	3.0	11.6
201	125	Hogg Robinson	155	..	9.0	4.8	10.3
201	127	Howden A.	128	..	6.5	5.0	9.0
184	108	Legal & Gen	149	+2	8.7	5.8	..
117	90	Leslie & Godwin	92	..	6.8	7.4	9.8
146	91½	London & Man	124	x -2	9.8	7.7	..
181	77	Ldn Utd Inv	147	..	6.4	4.3	8.1
248	178	Matthews W'son	178	..	13.0	7.3	8.3
193	103	Minet Hldgs	173	..	4.9	2.8	14.4
79	43	Moran C.	52	+1	5.0a	9.6	5.7
292	162	Pearl	228	-2	19.1	8.4	..
283	180	Phoenix	246	-4	13.7	8.4	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	123	-2	12.4	10.1	..
130	100	Do A Br	123	..	12.4	10.1	..
130	100	Do B	125	..	12.4	9.9	..
130	100	Do B Br	125	..	12.4	9.9	..
180	116	Prudential	142	• ..	10.1	7.1	..
133	94	Refuge	132	..	10.3	8.0	..
406	290	Royal	363	-2	24.9	6.9	..
396	234	Sedg. Forbes	395	+5	14.8	3.8	12.3
111	89	Stenhouse	102	..	6.1	6.0	7.6
602	395	Sun Alliance	530	-8	5.2b	1.0	..
117	65	Sun Life	97	..	5.2b	5.4	..
175	112	Trade Indem'ty	160	..	12.7	8.0	..
319	195	Willis Faber	260	..	13.6	5.2	11.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	131	..	7.7b	5.9	25.4
224	160	Alliance Trust	214	-1	10.8a	5.0	29.0
49	31½	Amer Trust	44½	-¼	2.1	4.6	32.5
190	78	Ang-Amer Secs	98	..	4.6	4.7	29.0
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	44	..	4.9	11.0	13.3
137	87	Do Ass	118	..	..	..	..
34½	31	Anglo Scot	42	..	2.4	5.6	27.8
122½	92½	Ashdown Inv	119½	+2	6.1	5.1	28.4
70	35	ABC Regional	70	+3	0.8	1.1	71.4
90½	49	Atlantic Assets	87	-½	0.6	0.7	..
62	40	Atlas Electric	57	..	2.4	4.2	33.9
61½	39¼	Bankers Inv	53½	• ..	3.5b	6.5	22.1
58	40	Berry Trust	56	..	1.3	2.3	63.7
298½	208½	Border & Sthrn	272½	+2	11.7	4.3	33.6
41½	30	Brit Am & Gen	38½	+½	2.5	6.5	22.5
75	49	Brit Assets Tst	74½	-½	3.3	4.5	31.8
12	7½	Brit Emp Sec	10½	..	0.9	9.0	18.0
165	116	Brit Invest	155	h ..	6.8	4.4	35.6
149	102½	Broadstone	138½	+2	7.8	5.6	25.7
99½	62	Brunner	89½	+1½	5.4	6.1	24.7
75	42	Bryncourt Inv	68	..	3.3	4.8	31.5
66	43	CLRP Inv	64	+1	2.0	4.5	27.6
298	187	Caledonia Inv	226	+1	12.8	5.7	24.9
75½	54	Caledonian Tst	74½	+2	2.6	3.5	40.7
72	52	Do B	72	..	..	..	..
124½	91	Capital & Natl	119½	..	6.8	5.8	..
117½	84½	Do B	111½	..	..	..	..
107½	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	105½	..	5.9	5.8	..
113½	88½	Carliol Inv	109½	..	5.8	5.3	25.3
67	46	Cedar Inv	63½	..	3.8	6.0	24.1
83	40	Charter Trust	53	..	3.3	6.2	23.9
79½	54	Clydesdale Inv	73½	+½	2.7	3.7	47.1
72	49	Do B	73	+1	..	..	..
13¾	8½	Common Mkt	£12¾	..	30.5g	1.6	..
206¼	152½	Cont & Ind	187½	+1	8.1	4.3	32.2
189	103	Crescent Japan	168	-1	..	..	..
82	43	Crossfriars	71	+1	5.2	7.3	20.6
30½	14½	Cumulus	29½	-½	1.5	5.1	29.4
130	80	Delta Inv	120	..	..	..	..
216	132	Derby Tst 'Inc'	212	..	20.4	9.6	18.2
170	88	Do Cap	147	..	..	..	..
336	200	Drayton Com	325	..	8.8	2.5	24.3
146	115	Drayton Cons	141	+2	7.1	5.0	26.6
198	130	Do Premier	180	+1	10.3	5.6	25.0
65	40½	Dundee & Ldn	59	..	3.5	5.9	24.8
117	65	Edin Amer Ass	115	-2	4.7	1.9	74.7
229	164	Edinburgh Inv	215	..	10.3	4.8	30.3
72½	50	Elec & Gen	69½	..	2.2b	3.3	43.2
93½	63½	Eng & Int	85½	..	5.3	6.2	23.0
78	54½	Eng & N York	73	-½	3.9	5.4	27.2
281	171½	Estate Duties	276	+6	12.1	4.4	30.7
93	62	First Scot Am	90	+1	4.3	4.8	30.3
154	117	Foreign & Colnl	154	+1	5.7	3.7	40.7
131	98	Gt Japan Inv	121	..	2.3	1.9	88.5
149½	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	140½	..	7.1	5.1	28.2
117½	78	Do Conv	111½	..	..	..	..
106	74½	Gen Inv & Tsts	99	• ..	6.1	6.1	20.9
94	65	Gen Scottish	84	..	5.1	6.0	24.6
93	64	Glendevon	93	+2	2.6	2.8	65.5
122½	71	Globe Trust	107	+½	6.2b	5.8	24.0
78	49	Grange Trust	71	..	3.2	4.5	31.4
110	78	Great Northern	96	..	5.9	6.1	24.3
86	61½	Greenfriar	79	..	2.2	2.8	41.9
56	37	Gresham Hse	52	..	4.6	8.8	12.4
84½	57	Guardian	77	-½	3.6	4.6	32.2
94	51	Hambros	87	..	5.1	5.8	26.7
32	12½	Harcros	32	h ..	1.0	3.0	65.2
198½	133	Hill P. Inv	173	..	10.8	6.2	24.4
79	42	Hume Hldgs A	74	..	6.4	8.6	16.7
53½	39½	Indus & General	49	+½	2.2	4.4	31.8
76	52	Internat Inv	72	+1	4.0	5.5	23.9
129½	89½	Invest in Suc	129½	+6½	4.4	3.5	40.3
208	162	Inv Tst Corp	203	+2	9.2	4.5	33.2
79½	56½	Inv Cap Trst	79½	+½	2.5	3.1	43.9
133½	103½	Jardine Japan	130	..	1.3	1.0	..
151	103	Jersey Ext	151	+3	..	..	..
98	66	Lake View Inv	88½	+1½	3.6	4.1	37.3
101	68	Law Deb Corp	96	..	6.8	7.1	20.0
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	108	..	5.5	5.0	30.0
181	138	Ldn & Montrose	178	+1	8.3	4.7	33.0
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	105	..	5.2	4.9	30.9
98	34	Ldn Merch Sec	91	+13	3.1	2.3	..
94½	31	Do Cap	89	+13	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	68	..	4.2b	6.0	29.0
193	125	Ldn Trust	183	..	12.1b	6.6	23.8
39¼	26	Mercantile Inv	39	+¼	1.9	4.8	25.3
72½	55	Merchants Trust	69	+½	3.9	5.7	26.0
50	40½	Monks Inv	48	+½	2.1	4.4	32.9
85	47	Moorgate Inv	83	+1	4.6	5.6	25.3
97	69	Moorside Trst	87	+1	7.3	8.3	19.0
22	11½	New Throg 'Inc'	16	..	2.3b	14.6	12.0
123	26	Do Cap	86	-2	..	..	..
94	74½	North Atlantic	88	• +½	4.1	4.6	30.6
100	71	Northern Amer	94	+1½	4.3	4.6	33.1
101	64	Northern Sec	101	+2	5.0b	5.0	23.6
66	48	Oil & Associated	56	..	3.0	5.3	27.2
118	88	Pentland	115	..	6.1a	5.3	26.0
75	66	Progressive Sec	74	..	4.0	5.4	27.2
122	98	Raeburn	122	+3	8.6	4.6	29.0
177	106	River & Merc	163	+3	12.3	7.6	18.4
144	85½	River Plate	132	..	9.5	7.2	..
91	69	Romney Trust	91	+2	4.0	4.4	31.4
187	104½	Rothschild	180	-6	8.5	4.7	27.2
71	44	Safeguard	70	+1	5.5	7.8	18.5
88	57½	Scot Amer	87½	..	3.8	4.3	..
71½	35½	Scot&Cont'Inv	71½	..	1.8	2.5	56.3
131	45	Scot & Merc 'A'	93	..	4.6	4.9	29.4
139½	102	Scot Eastern	139½	+2	8.1	4.5	31.7
38½	25	Scot European	37	..	2.3b	6.1	27.0
99½	75	Scot Invest	97½	-½	3.9	4.0	39.5
118½	91½	Scot Mortgage	108½	+½	8.0	4.6	34.4
149½	111	Scot National	139½	-½	5.2	3.6	39.7
100	70	Scot Northern	99½	+½	4.2	4.3	33.1
79½	57½	Scot United	79½	+1	2.4	3.3	45.0
90½	70	Scot Western	89½	+1	3.5	3.8	43.5
87½	64½	Do B	87½	+2	..	..	..
195½	143	Sec Alliance	183½	+½	8.6a	4.7	29.8
80½	61½	Sec Gt Northern	80½	+½	2.8	3.5	48.2
77½	58	Do B	77½	+1½	..	..	48.4
174	132	Sterling Trust	163	+2	8.0	4.9	29.2
94½	67½	Stockholders	89	+1	3.1	3.5	41.4
104	62	Throg Sec 'Cap'	94	..	..	..	..
73	43½	Throgmtn Trust	69	-1	8.6	9.5	15.5
164½	125	Trans-Oceanic	159	+2	7.6	4.8	28.1
67½	55½	Tribune Inv	63½	..	2.0	3.1	36.3
67½	46½	Triplevest 'Inc'	61½	..	6.7	10.8	14.0
179	94	Do Cap	134	-2	..	..	..
139	82	Trustees Corp	127	..	6.4	5.0	29.7
111	87½	Tyneside Inv	106	..	5.8	5.5	25.1
128	95	Utd Brit Secs	122½	+½	9.4	5.2	30.8
95	76½	Utd States Deb	93½	-½	5.3a	5.8	24.7
190	142	Utd States Gen	176	+1	9.0	5.1	28.3
104	68½	Viking Res	84	+½	1.7	2.0	54.9
194	110	W'bottom Trust	186	..	7.0	3.7	39.5
86	63	Witan Inv	82½	+½	3.3b	3.9	..
83	61	Do B	77	..	0.1	0.1	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	155	..	11.6	7.4	19.7
33½	17	Yorks & Lancs	32½	..	2.1b	6.3	23.6
80	58	Young Co Inv	73	..	5.0b	6.8	21.3

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	271	+1	13.0	4.8	9.3
152	54	Fisher J.	142	• ..	2.3	1.6	7.0
355	207	Furness Withy	229	+8	11.9	5.0	4.8
305	140	Hunting Gibson	192	..	16.4	8.5	2.6
41½	24½	Jacobs J. I.	37½	-½	2.8	7.5	15.3
57¾	30	Ldn & O'seas Fr	31½	..	5.1	16.2	..
270	218	Manch Liners	220	..	7.7	3.5	20.4
179	118	Ocean Trans	123	• +1	12.4	10.1	4.3
172	91	P & O 'Dfd'	95	-2	9.6	10.1	6.5
123	96	Runciman W	103	..	12.6	12.2	7.5

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
820	370	Anglo Am Coal	495	..	35.5	7.2	..
332	195	Anglo Am Corp	307	+4	19.5r	6.4	..
17½	11¼	Ang Am Gold	£15$\frac{15}{16}$	+⅝	97.2	6.1	..
37¼	19	Anglo Am Inv	£35¼	+½	361	10.2	..
9½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£8½	..	66.1	10.2	..
9¼	6	Do A	£8½	..	66.1	10.2	..
17½	8¼	Asarco	£13½	-¼	20.5	1.5	..
397	335	Ayer Hitam	395	+5	66.0	22.4	..
55	26	Beralt Tin	50	-3	6.1	12.1	..
417	249	Blyvoors	330	+18	33.5	10.2	..
46	12	Botswana RST	14	+½	..	..	..
89	55	Bracken Mines	67½	+2	19.5	28.8	..
137	61	BH South	74	+2	..e	..	..
10$\frac{19}{32}$	5½	Buffelsfontein	£9$\frac{21}{32}$	-½	94.5	11.1	..
184	106	Charter Cons	122	-1	11.8	9.7	..
226½	136	Cons Gold Fields	173	• +8	13.7	7.9	..
354	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	339	+5	31.8	9.4	..
328	145	Doornfontein	237	+13	15.7	7.9	..
384	132	Durban Rood	209	+17	..e	..	..
35	9	East Dagga	26½	+1½	..	..	..
735	425	E Driefontein	631	-21	48.5	7.7	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	286	+9	..e	..	..
58	26	El Oro M & Ex	51	..	1.5	3.0	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	104	+6½	5.4	5.1	..
17½	4¼	F S Geduld	£15½	+1½	170	11.3	..
145½	84½	Geevor Tin	130	..	7.6	5.8	..
17½	12	Gen Mining	£13⅝	..	136	8.6	..
152	55	Grootvlei	84	+6	11.9	14.2	..
310	160	Hamersley	187	+8	..	..	..
134	77	Hampton Gold	134	+10	2.2	1.7	..
469	235	Harmony	293	+9	33.1	11.3	..
13½	7¼	Hartebeest	£11⅝	+⅜	91.2	8.8	..
15	10¼	Jo'burg Cons	£11½	..	104	9.0	..
391	200	Kinross	265	-5	27.4	9.6	..
578	286	Kloof	456	-18	18.7	4.1	..
53	30	Leslie	43	-2	6.1	14.1	..
562	375	Libanon	450	-10	49.7	11.1	..
76	43	Lydenburg Plat	55	-3	..e	..	..
342	123	MIM Hldgs	184	+6	5.7	3.1	..
53	38	MTD (Mangula)	44	..	4.1	9.3	..
410	230	Malayan Tin	300	+5	..	..	..
121	48	Marievale Con	84	+3	28.8	34.3	..
105	71	Messina Trans	85	..	19.0	21.5	..
58	10	Metals Explor	15	-1	..	..	..
230	125	Middle Wits	136	..	14.2	10.3	..
184	125	Minorco	145	..	6.2	4.3	..
490	247	Nthgate Explor	387	+5	13.3	3.4	..
81	28	Pahang Cons	51	+1	3.8	7.4	..
565	340	Peko Wallsend	446	-12	..	..	..
10⅞	8½	Pres Brand	£9⅝	+½	78.6	9.1	..
7¾	4½	Pres Steyn	£6⅛	+¼	25.1	3.6	..
180	90	Rand Mine Prop	108	-3	8.0	5.3	..
36¾	19	Randfontein	£32¼	+1	221	6.6	..
246	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	198	-9	14.4	7.3	..
183	52	Roan Cons 'B'	65	..	..	..	..
96	60	Rustenburg	74	+3	..e	..	..
90	35	Saint Piran	54	..	3.0	5.6	..
12¾	6⅛	St Helena	£7¾	+⅛	83.1	11.0	..
500	370	Selection Tst	380	-5	28.3	7.4	..
231	115	Sentrust	201	+5	19.0	9.4	..
67	29	SA Land	43	+2	..e	..	..
76	48	South Crofty	53	..	6.3	11.8	..
530	335	Southvaal	454	+22	13.1	2.8	..
305	150	Sthn Malayan	240	+5	18.2	7.6	..
175	57	Sungei Besi	175	+5	..	..	..
164	116	Tang Cons	139	-1	11.0	7.9	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	86	• ..	0.9	11.2	..
280	202½	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	10.0	4.0	..
13	5¾	Transvaal Cons	£11	..	61.4	4.7	..
200	95	Tronoh Mines	185	+2	19.6	10.6	..
232	117	UC Invest	205	-1	20.1	9.8	..
244	145	Union Corp	285	+4	25.8	8.4	..
14$\frac{5}{32}$	8	Vaal Reefs	£11⅝	+¾	77.0	6.5	..
284	70	Venterspost	157	+9	71.5	45.5	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	38	• ..	6.5	18.0	..
313	114	Welkom	261	+17	33.0	12.6	..
23	13¾	W Driefontein	£17⅝	+½	174	10.0	..
209	75	W Rand Cons	125	-9	8.2	6.6	..
242	110	Western Areas	167	-14	8.2	4.9	..
8½	5¾	Western Deep	£6⅞	+⅛	51.3	7.4	..
19¾	10¼	Western Hldgs	£17½	+⅞	207	11.9	..
164	84	Western Mining	120	-4	1.8	1.5	..
777	390	Winkelhaak	611	+24	60.9	10.0	..
23½	10	Zambia Copper	11½	..	..e	..	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
73	43	Ampol Pet	72	+1	..	..	..
120	47	Attock	80	..	..	..	..
186	128	Brit Borneo	144	+4	9.3	6.5	64.3
960	720	BP	792	-2	39.5	4.8	8.4
83	41	Burmah Oil	51	..	..	..	..
66½	44½	Century Oils	57	..	3.7	6.5	4.7
34½	14½	Charterhall	21½	..	..	..	85.1
23	13¼	C F Petroles	£23	+1½	164	7.1	5.8
44	21	KCA Int	29	..	0.2	0.5	..
205	134	Lasmo	166	-4	..	..	..
415	265	Do Ops	352	..	..	..	..
109¼	84½	Do 14% Ln	£104½	..	1400	13.5	..
322	77	Oil Exploration	209	• ..	3.2	1.5	29.5
22½	8	Premier Cons	14½	-½	..	..	..
26	14¼	Ranger Oil	£26	+¼	..	..	..
50⅜	35½	Royal Dutch	£47	+¾	147	3.1	8.3
633	456	Shell Trans	542	-2	23.8	4.4	5.9
282	104	Tricentrol	190	-4	2.0	1.3	18.7
266	124	Ultramar	232	..	..	..	13.2
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	141	-3	10.0	7.8	..

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
60½	29½	Allied Ldn	50	-½	2.8	5.6	11.3
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	186	-3	5.9	3.2	23.1
242	114	Apex Props	204	-3	5.3	2.6	35.2
20	11	Aquis Secs	18½	..	1.0	6.2	21.7
95	81½	Beaumont Prop	78	-1	5.8	7.3	19.6
69	23½	Bellway Hldgs	64	-4	4.0	6.3	..
127	59	Berkeley Hmbro	83	-1	4.0	4.8	38.7
186	130	Billon Percy	154	..	9.4	6.2	18.8
182	116	Do Accum	145	..	0.3	0.3	..
234	118	Bradford Prop	208	-4	9.9	4.7	9.8
47½	22	British Land	39	-½	..e	..	..
116	54¼	Brixton Estate	99	-1	2.9b	3.2	28.2
53	19	Cap & Counties	45½	-1	1.5b	3.3	..
330	141	Chesterfield	277	..	5.5	2.0	40.6
14½	6⅛	Chown Secs	11½	..	..	..	..
250	145	Churchbury Est	240	..	6.6	2.7	19.9
64	37½	City Offices	48	-½	2.6	5.4	19.5
174	114	Corn Exchange	170	..	3.0	1.8	29.5
27½	17	Country & New T	22	..	1.0	4.5	..
91	35	County & Dist	78	-½	1.2	1.5	27.9
88	33½	Daejan Hldgs	77½	-1	4.5	5.8	13.0
51½	27	Eng Prop	39½	-1	3.5	11.8	10.5
20½	11	Estates & Gen	17½	..	1.5	8.7	14.6
100	32	Evans of Leeds	74	+3	2.0	2.5	28.3
330	200	Gt Portland	262	-4	6.0	2.3	47.7
87	52	Guildhall	74	..	3.8a	5.1	17.1
550	310	Hammerson 'A'	527	-6	7.7	1.5	89.6
288	153	Haslemere Ests	275	-4	4.6	2.1	34.6
231	142	Land Secs	196	-6	7.3	3.5	35.9
56	33½	Law Land	37	-1	2.5	4.1	..
92	48½	Ldn & Prov Sh	79	-1	2.1	7.4	41.1
74	40	Ldn Shop	57	• ..	4.6	8.0	42.6
132	69	Lynton Hldgs	104	-3	3.6	3.4	18.0
154	49	MEPC	106	-2	2.6	2.4	33.1
180	66	McKay Secs	165	..	2.3	1.2	34.8
22	8½	Marler Estates	21	f ..	..	..	..
43½	15	Midhurst Whites	41½	-¼	..	..	..
122	46	Mucklow A & J.	115	..	3.7a	3.2	20.9
175	108	Municipal	175	..	7.7	4.4	20.3
83	24	Peachey Prop	77	-1	1.5	1.9	..
315	180	Prop & Rever	293	-3	7.1	2.4	41.8
315	178	Do A	292	-3	7.1	2.4	41.7
347	216	Prop Hldgs	297	-3	9.9	3.3	42.5
158	44	Prop Sec	132	-2	3.1	2.4	..
6¾	2	Raglan Prop	4½	..	..	..	..
87	31	Regional	78	-2	1.5b	1.9	..
77	30	Do A	59	-1	1.5b	2.6	..
115	29	Rush & Tompkins	105	-2	4.4	4.1	11.5
118	84¼	Scot Met Props	97	-4	2.9b	3.0	39.6
129	77	Slough Ests	100	-1	3.4	3.4	24.7
268	158	Stock Conv	222	-2	3.0a	1.4	30.7
223	90	Sunley B.	170	..	6.0	3.5	..
17	5	Town & City	12½	-¼	0.6e	0.2	..
97	41	Trafford Park	95	-1	5.7	6.4	17.6
24	10¾	U K Props	19	-½	..e	..	14.5
19	7¾	Webb J.	16½	..	0.7	5.0	13.8
19	10½	W'minster & C'ty	15	..	..e	..	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
94	34	Anglo-Indonesia	94	..	3.9	4.1	..
50	18	Bradwall FMS	49	..	2.6	5.3	..
250	82	Castlefield	250	+12	5.0	2.0	..
69½	35	Chersonese	69½	+1½	4.2	6.0	..
141	74½	Cons Plant	140	+½	12.0	8.6	..
56	13	Doranakande	50	..	2.2a	4.4	..
13½	9½	Grand Central	10	..	0.8	8.3	..
257	155	Guthrie Corp	257	+½	18.2	7.1	..
83½	48	Harrisons Malay	83½	+1	4.6b	5.4	..
94½	36½	Highlds & Low	92½	..	5.6	6.1	..
160	67	Hongkong	160	..	11.0	6.9	..
212	125	Killinghall	212	+2	17.5	8.3	..
46½	22	Kulim Malaysia	45	-½	2.1	4.6	..
137	44	Ldn Sumatra	130	h ..	6.1a	4.7	..
64	32½	Majedie	63	..	1.0	1.6	..
42	16½	Malayalam	42	h +2	1.7	4.1	..
43½	13½	Muar River	42½	+½	0.7	1.6	..
73½	34	Plant Hldgs	65	..	3.3	4.9	..
28¾	10½	Sungei Krian	£28¾	..	114	4.0	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
290	247	Assam Frontier	290	..	24.6	8.5	..
116	53	Assam Inv	106	+1	10.6	10.0	..
210	95	Camellia Inv	200	..	3.0	1.5	..
154	22	Deundi	143	h -2	4.9	3.4	..
245	120	McLeod Russel	215	..	20.5a	9.5	..
410	124	Moran	380	..	22.7	5.8	..
109	15	Surmah Valley	108	+1	10.8	9.9	..
205	103	Warren Plant	203	+1	20.0b	9.9	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11¾	7⅝	Algoma Cen Rly	£11	..	26.0	2.4	17.7
71	40	Calcutta Elec	76	..	13.0	18.0	..
53½	43	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£51½	..	490	9.5	..
38¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	36	..	350	14.0	..
64	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£60	..	18.3	3.2	13.4
450	300	Imp Cont Gas	362	+2	14.2	4.0	14.4
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£38	..	500	13.2	..
92	46	Milford Docks	66	..	4.1	6.2	7.2
278	140	Nigerian Elec	250	..	20.0	8.0	..
39½	31½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36	..	535	14.3	..

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Capital Goods	224.77	7.15	13.37	225.83
Consumer Goods	212.94	6.91	12.23	213.67
Store Shares	171.87	6.38	8.10	172.65
Largest financial shares	214.56	5.93	—	216.81
Largest financial and industrial shares	203.34	6.37	—	204.59
Commodity shares	237.87	5.58	13.94	235.47
Gold Mining shares	287.27	8.98	17.53	288.45
Industrial debenture stocks	93.75	6.38*	—	93.82
Industrial preference stocks	58.78	11.88*	—	58.81
3½% War Loan	32¾	10.88*	—	32¾

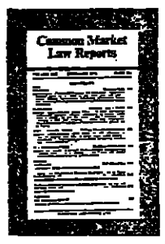
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1977	222.98 (14.09.77)	151.29 (12.01.77)
1976	171.38 (05.05.76)	118.83 (27.10.76)
1975	166.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	134.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
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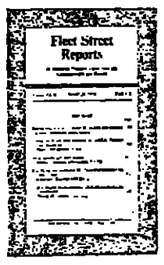
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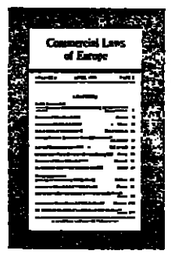
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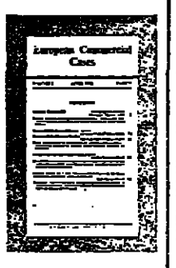
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Pekesin v Pekesin

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Goff and Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce

In cases affecting the liberty of the subject it is essential that orders committing to prison for contempt of court should be drawn up so as to observe the strict legal procedural requirements. Such orders must be correct when they are made and cannot be subsequently remedied under the "slip rules" in the High Court or the County Court.

The Court of Appeal allowed two appeals by husbands against committal to prison under the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act, 1976, for contempt of court. On April 5 Mr John Alexander Cinderby, formerly of Roman Way, Neath, West Glamorgan, was committed to prison by Judge Burrell, QC, for contempt of court and on April 17, Judge Freeman, in Ilford County Court committed Mr Bahd Pekesin, of South Street, Romford, to prison "for a period of six months until further order". Both committal orders were set aside.

Mr J. B. W. McDonnell for the husbands; Miss Kay Jones for Mrs Pekesin.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that such cases were coming more frequently before the court. The Official Solicitor had intervened on behalf of the husbands and said that the committals were bad because the orders did not comply with the strict legal requirements.

Mrs Cinderby, a registered blind person, had been married since 1973. Her husband had been guilty of considerable violence.

On March 9, 1978, both were listening to a radio discussion on the new Domestic Violence Act. Mrs Cinderby said that it was quite right that husbands should not be allowed to strike their wives. Immediately her husband picked up the poker and said "If you open your mouth I will bash your skull in".

On March 20 Judge Rowe Harding made an order in Swansea County Court restraining the husband from molesting his wife and from entering or remaining in the matrimonial home. A power of arrest was attached to the injunction under section 2(3) of the Domestic Violence Act. Under that power of arrest a police constable went to the house in Neath and found the husband still there in breach of the order.

On April 5 the husband was taken before Judge Burrell at Carmarthen and he made the order committing him to prison for contempt of court. The order, which was drawn up in the office, was sadly wanting in its formal requirements. It did not state the evidence as it should have done. Nor did it state the particular contempt of which the husband was guilty.

It was important that where the liberty of the subject was concerned all legal requirements should be satisfied. In the original order no time had been stated. The order was bad: see *Wellington v Wellington* (*The Times*, March 22).

The husband had applied to purge his contempt, and on April 10 he was ordered to be discharged from Swansea prison on May 2.

In view of the defects the Official Solicitor had taken up the case.

Without reference to the registrar or the judge someone in the office had sought to make good the defects and had typed in the particulars required. That should not have been done without reference to the judge. It was suggested that it could be done under the slip rule (County Court Rules, 1936, Order 15, rule 12). But all requirements of the law had to be satisfied in connexion with the liberty of the subject.

The committal order must be set aside, but the injunction still stood.

The Pekesins had been married in 1976. The wife was English, the husband Turkish. The wife, who had given evidence of violence, left the matrimonial home. On February 7, 1978, in Ilford County Court, Judge Freeman made an order that the husband should not molest the wife, but did not order him out of the matrimonial home. On March 8 the Court of Appeal allowed the wife's appeal and ordered the husband to vacate the matrimonial home by March 15 and not to return there. When the wife went back to the home she found it bare of furniture and that much damage had been done.

The case came back before the judge, who committed the husband to prison "for a period of six months until further order" of the court.

There were serious flaws or errors in the order. The husband had not been brought before the court under section 2 of the Domestic Violence Act. The order should have followed the ordinary form, form 195 of the County Court Forms. It did not specify the particular grounds of committal. No one could say what the husband had been committed for. The nature of the breach should have been specified.

Miss Jones had admitted that the defects were bad but had urged that the judge had all the evidence before him and that the slip order could be invoked. It was not open to the court to remedy the defects under the slip rule. Everything had to be done in order before a man was committed to prison.

The committal order must be set aside, but the injunction still stood. The husband must behave himself in accordance with it.

LORD JUSTICE GOFF, agreeing, said that in the Pekesin case, Rules of the Supreme Court, Order 20, rule 11 and the County Court Rules, Order 15, rule 12 did not apply. In a case affecting the liberty of the subject, the order must be correct and the proper procedure followed at the time that it was made.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce agreed.

Solicitors: Official Solicitor; Grosse & Co., Southend-on-Sea.

Official Solicitor to see sick wife

Farr v South East Thames Regional Health Authority

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Goff and Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce

The Official Solicitor was asked by the Court of Appeal to find out whether Mrs Jessie Elizabeth Farr wishes to leave a home for disabled persons in Margate and go home.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by her husband, Mr Rodney William Farr, of Stamford Street Estate, Southwark, from an order of the Divisional Court adjoining an application he had made on her behalf for a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr Farr in person; Mr Julian Malins for the South East Thames Regional Health Authority.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said it was an anxious case. Mrs Farr was suffering from multiple sclerosis. She was taken ill at Folkestone two years ago, taken to Victoria House, a unit for the younger disabled at Margate, and cared for by the South East Thames Regional Health Authority.

Her condition and mental state had deteriorated. The doctors said that she exhibited a considerable degree of dementia with a variable degree of confusion, disorientation and memory loss.

Mr Farr was anxious that his wife should leave Victoria House and come back home. He said that the authorities were detaining her against her will.

The health authorities had applied to the court for an order restraining Mr Farr from entering Victoria House for the purpose of communicating with or removing his wife. He had given an undertaking to the court not to attempt to remove his wife or to discuss her leaving Victoria House pending the trial of those proceedings.

Quite recently Mr Farr obtained an order from the judge in chambers that the undertaking was not to apply to a case where "by due process of law" he could obtain his wife's release. He had applied to the Divisional Court for a writ of habeas corpus to be issued against the health authority so that he could take his wife from the home. The Divisional Court had adjourned the matter and Mr Farr had appealed to their Lordships' court (*The Times*, April 25) because, he said, pending the adjournment his wife, being so ill, might die.

Some time ago the health authority did make an application under the Mental Health Act, 1952, at Margate, but it was adjourned and never proceeded with. It would be a contested application because *Mr Farr said that he would challenge* the fact that his wife could be a patient under the Act and contest the grounds on which she could be the subject of a guardianship order. That matter ought to be heard urgently.

On the habeas corpus application, it seemed to his Lordship that the health authority were not detaining Mrs Farr against her will. There was no ground on which a writ of habeas corpus could issue. They were not imprisoning or detaining her, and counsel had said that they were quite willing that she should go if it was her real wish and desire to leave the hospital if she was in a mental state to give that desire expression. The authorities were only concerned as to whether she was in a mental state to wish to go. One could well see their point of view and their duty to take care of her in her remaining days. They feared that if she went to her husband in his flat, he could not look after her properly.

What should be done? His Lordship thought that the Official Solicitor should be invited to look into the matter and see whether it was Mrs Farr's wish to go home to her husband or not, and if that was her wish, she should be allowed to go. His Lordship would dismiss the application.

LORD JUSTICE GOFF, concurring, said that if the Official Solicitor concluded that Mrs Farr really did wish to go home and that it was in her interest to do so, it would be right for him to apply to discharge the husband from the undertaking and for him to take her home.

LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE, also agreeing, said that the Court of Appeal had no original jurisdiction to grant a writ of habeas corpus; its jurisdiction was appellate. On Mr Farr's ex parte application on Friday, the Divisional Court had followed the usual course in adjourning the proceedings to enable the health authorities to be represented. Its order was correct.

Solicitors: Bird & Bird.

'Appropriate time' for union activities

Marley Tile Co Ltd v Shaw

Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mr M. L. Clement-Jones and Mr T. H. Goff

[Judgment delivered April 25]

A maintenance electrician who had been nominated as a union shop steward and who was dismissed for taking part in union activities was held to have been unfairly dismissed for an inadmissible reason, namely, taking part in the activities of an independent trade union "at an appropriate time", within the meaning of paragraph 6(4) (A) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, even though he had carried out his union activities during working hours without the employers' express consent or agreement.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal, Mr Clement-Jones dissenting, dismissed an appeal by the employers, Marley Tile Co Ltd, from a decision of a Leeds industrial tribunal last September that the employee, Mr P. G. Shaw, had been unfairly dismissed.

Paragraph 6 (4) (A) of Schedule 1 to the 1974 Act, added by paragraph 11 of Part III of Schedule 16 to the Employment Protection Act 1975, provides: "... 'appropriate time' in relation to an employee taking part in the activities of a trade union, means time which either (a) is outside working hours, or (b) is a time within his working hours at which, in accordance with arrangements agreed with or consent given by his employer, it is permissible for him to take part in those activities ..."

Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, for the employers; Mr John Hand for the employee.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that Mr Shaw had relied on paragraph 6 (4) of Schedule 1, claiming that the principal reason for his dismissal was that he had taken part in trade union activities and that that was an inadmissible reason within the meaning of paragraph 6(6).

Mr Shaw had been nominated as an AUEW shop steward. He had taken up a fitter's pay grievance and had called a meeting with the employers, who then queried his appointment as shop steward. Mr Shaw left the meeting to telephone the union district secretary, and he also called a meeting of maintenance men. Other workmen joined in the meeting and there was an hour's stoppage. Mr Shaw was dismissed allegedly for contravening the company's grievance procedure.

The industrial tribunal found that Mr Shaw had not intended to bring about an unofficial stoppage; that the reason for his dismissal was not failure to follow the grievance procedure but his union activities; and that the dismissal was unfair. The tribunal also held that his union activities namely, taking up the fitter's grievance, calling a meeting with the employers, and calling a meeting of maintenance men, were done at an "appropriate time."

Mr Irvine argued that where an employee took part in union activities within working hours it *could only* be at an "appropriate time" in cases where express arrangements had been agreed with the employers or express consent given.

Such an interpretation of paragraph 6(4) (A) was possible, but the legislation had to be construed against the background of industry as it was in practice. To apply the paragraph in the way Mr Irvine suggested meant that there could only be an "appropriate time" within working hours in cases where the trade union was fully recognized. It was only then that there was likely to be an express agreement or consent. But it was common practice in industry for employers to have satisfactory working relationships of an informal character with unions which were not recognized. In the present case the employers had no recognition agreement with the AUEW but matters were carried on satisfactorily.

It was improbable that had Mr Shaw's appointment been eventually approved there would have been any express consent for him *to carry out his union duties* in working hours, yet it would be strange if there was no protection under the Act.

The Appeal Tribunal were unanimous in agreeing with the industrial tribunal that Mr Shaw's activities up to and including the meeting with the employers occurred at an "appropriate time". The disagreement arose over the summoning of maintenance men to attend a meeting and the stoppage of work. The majority felt that they were activities occurring at an appropriate time since the implied consent of management arising from the general relationship of management and union in a factory allowed for such an unusual situation. Mr Clement-Jones felt that an unaccredited shop steward could not be taken to have implied permission to call a meeting in working hours.

The appeal would be dismissed and leave to appeal granted.

Solicitor: Mr Simon Davies, Sevenoaks; Brian Thompson & Co, Manchester.

Personal liability

Sika Contracts Ltd v Gill and Others

A chartered civil engineer who made a contract with a building company on behalf of the owners of a property was held personally liable on the contract as he had not made it clear in the correspondence that constituted the contract that he was acting as agent. It was not enough that he had signed his letters with his professional qualification.

MR JUSTICE KERR said that the defendant had not mentioned the name of the owners or specifically that he was acting on their behalf until some time after the contract had been concluded. From the fact that he had written and been written to in the style of "B. L. Gill, BE, MICE" and had signed his letters as "Chartered Civil Engineer" it had been clear that he was not acting beneficially on his own account, but had been professionally engaged on behalf of a client. That did not exclude his being personally liable, since it was possible for a person who was in fact an agent, in that he had an employer or a principal standing behind him, to contract in such a way that he became personally liable to the other party.

His Lordship appreciated that it was uncommon in such cases to add a phrase such as "acting as agent" at the end of letters. But on the correspondence as it stood, it was impossible to say that the defendant was acting as agent, and the plaintiffs were entitled to assume that he was not.

Adoption order no help

In re L. A. (A Minor)

An adoption order made by justices in favour of the child's mother and stepfather hindered rather than promoted his welfare throughout his childhood, the Divisional Court of the Family Division said when allowing an appeal by the paternal grandparents who had been made parties to the adoption application. The order was revoked, and the Registrar General directed to delete the entry.

SIR GEORGE BAKER, the President, who was sitting with Mr Justice Comyn, said that the boy's father, the mother's first husband, died when the boy was two. The mother had married again, a divorced man who had two girls by the former marriage. The couple now had a child of their own and were a happy and devoted family. The boy was now nine.

The paternal grandparents and other close relatives had always been attached to the boy. The grandparents had set up a trust fund for him, hoping that he would join the family business. They had opposed the adoption.

When the justices made the adoption order they said that the boy should be properly integrated within his new family. The mother had told the justices that on adoption the child would not sever his links with his grandparents, but it now seemed that they had not seen him since Christmas. The child was already integrated within his new family and making an adoption order added nothing to his welfare. The justices were wrong on the facts and in principle; they had not considered the boy's welfare now and in the future in severing him from his grandparents. It was to be hoped that the mother and grandparents could resume their former happy relationship. The appeal must be allowed.

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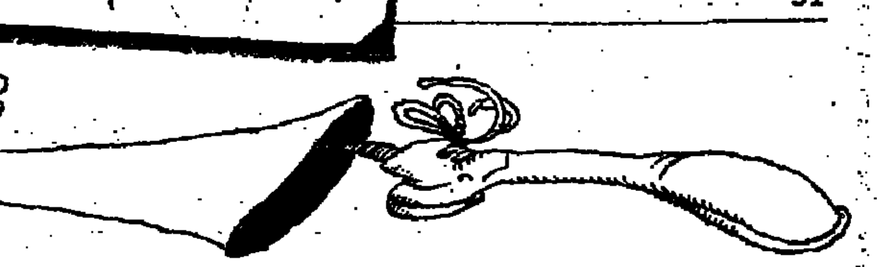
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Many people in higher education dispute this view. Ancient Greek, they say, can be as "relevant" in its way as metallurgy and, in any case, we need to produce people who can turn their talents to a variety of jobs. Even so, higher education institutions depend on public money and they cannot remain impervious to government's exhortations to colleges to make their contribution to the regeneration of British industry. Ancient Greek still survives but it is out of fashion and favour.

The Government's check on new courses in universities lies in the money it dispenses through the University Grants Committee. Last year the committee spelled out its priorities in a letter to all universities. The letter said there must be an end to expansion in arts and social sciences. It also advised no more courses in management studies, certain languages and mathematics. There had been "an undue proliferation" according to the committee in new courses in social studies, particularly in human and environmental studies.

The swing from the arts to the sciences is urged again in a letter which the committee sent out in January this year. Universities are asked to increase their proportion of science students which has changed from 45 : 55 a few years ago to 49 : 51 in 1976-77.

Two kinds of university courses are currently receiving the Government's special blessing. The first are part-time post-experience and mid-career courses for people in the professions and industry, the second, engineering courses intended to remedy industry's lack of skilled engineering manpower.

The propaganda in favour of science and engineering has had some effect. It may not be true that nobody wants an arts graduate but the comparatively new phenomenon of graduate unemployment has made many 18-year-olds think hard about the usefulness of their degrees.

Last August universities reported empty places in some arts courses. Though most vacancies were still in physics, chemistry and maths, language, music and history departments had not filled all their places and there were still vacancies in sociology and psychology.

This year's figures from the Universities Central Council on Admissions show that university applications in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, agriculture and forestry, mathematics, physics and business management studies and accountancy are up by between 7 and 14 per cent. The polytechnics report that their engineering enrolments are up by 12 per cent and science and mathematics by 7 per cent.

In universities, the subjects which have become much less popular are sociology, which enjoyed a boom in the 1960s, architecture and combined and general arts courses. However, combined social studies and mixed degrees in social studies and arts are still increasing in popularity. Vocational courses such as dentistry, veterinary studies, medicine and law continue to attract large numbers and demand high entrance qualifications. Medicine and law account for a smaller proportion of total applications than they did previously.

In colleges and polytechnics there have been some important developments in new courses in the past five years. The cutback in teacher training places has led to the establishment of colleges of higher education, often based on the former colleges of education. Despite the swing to science, the expertise of their staff has meant that they have often launched liberal arts degrees to replace teacher training courses. Most of these have started only recently and it is still not clear whether they will be able to compete successfully for students with universities and polytechnics.

Another comparative newcomer is the diploma in higher education available in colleges of higher education and polytechnics, though not in universities, and suggested by the James committee on teacher training as a means of delaying career choice. The idea was that a student might do two years' study, receive his DipHE and then decide whether to continue to a degree. Two types of diploma have developed. The first is a freestanding one which has proved very popular with mature students. There has been an 80 per cent increase in students enrolling for these during the past year.

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895	932	929	966
1050	1207	1261	1374
1400	1436	1530	1536
1613	1614	1625	1633
1678	1695	1861	1874
1965	1988	2002	2159
2254	2305	2337	2355
2428	2632	2342	2681
2809	2811	2851	2857
2937	2943	2968	3032
3119	3126	3166	3227
3269	3309	3379	3416
3379	3488	3550	3545
3616	3622	3653	3718
3795	3819	3824	3840
3915	3930	4168	4298
4737	4740	4799	4851
4865	4927	4988	5080
5111	5137	5193	5205
5355	5378	5378	5399
5414	5466	5488	5492
5554	5562	5561	5672
5745	5818	5830	5909
6056	6159	6135	6202
6235	6270	6403	6414
6671	6705	6754	6766
6818	6879	6961	7003
7038	7077	7128	7153
7207	7319	7330	7210
7354	7337	7348	7397
7418	7419	7478	7589
7654	7721	7761	7785
7814	7876	7895	7941
7957	8078	8097	8113
8120	8130	8131	8143
8273	8306	8370	8412
8339	8487	8563	8626
8716	8730	8824	8988
8971	8977	8998	9035
9179	9229	9340	9252
9350	9469	9458	9517
9535	9569	9607	9734
9820	10009	10049	10075
10248	10254	10348	10344
10376	10481	10558	10509
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11087	10990	11020	11041
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12251	12261	12296	12318	12568
12585	12586	12657	12760	12855
12865	12900	13012	13027	13031
13032	13035	13075	13084	13113
13196	13810	13285	13249	13243
13280	13385	13547	13417	13475
13485	13509	13532	13546	13567
13645	13754	13756	13810	13813
13832	13976	13978	13980	13997
14025	14036	14057	14074	14100
14109	14122	14185	14220	14304
14511	14338	14367	14596	14399
14451	14459	14470	14658	14650
14662	14675	14705	14736	14751
14754	15037	15059	15061	15070
15085	15105	15118	15228	15277
15283	15286	15289	15316	15356
15764	15398	15452	15467	15490
15619	15535	15581	15618	15783
15826	15848	15928	15934	15948
16000	16008	16016	16026	16100
16103	16104	16122	16154	16512
16571	16384	16464	16533	16755
16856	16858	16891	16931	16956
17081	17089	17118	17284	17293
17294	17095	17329	17345	17346
17428	17451	17455	17466	17489
17514	17546	17569	17611	17647
17672	17711	17730	17755	17840
17844	17909	17972	18003	18030
18169	18176	18185	18189	18544
18386	18474	18482	18489	18496
18520	18671	18771	18784	18846
18897	18900	18965	19014	19054
19120	19121	19213	19215	19234
19262	19288	19364	19370	19508
19518	19535	19714	19725	19743
19765	19787	19827	19849	19865
19868	19872	19882	19898	19936
20010	20043	20114	20165	20228
20272	20239	20291	20311	20536
20531	20318	20429	20440	20502
20565	20633	20669	20717	20752
20767	20838	20871	20874	20880
20881	20883	20898	20904	20910
20912	21005	21047	21049	21224
21225	21289	21347	21424	21325
21641	21568	21654	21719	21741
21835	21836	21851	21859	21847
21976	21981	21986	21990	22188
22325	22352	22340	22366	22432
22454	22465	22505	22547	22685
22716	22736	22805	22809	22893
22843	22909	22926	22950	22972
23008	23020	23035	23057	23086
23136	23210	23299	23351	23376
23417	23418	23435	23468	23476
23501	23503	23517	23530	23590
23641	23711	23735	23776	23796
23901	23940	23944	24008	24059
24120	24121	24136	24191	24304
24354	24287	24494	24317	24357
24474	24505	24537	24538	24582
24620	24637	24658	24698	24732
24766	24805	24836	24862	24874
24931	25051	25114	25139	25144
25164	25175	25178	25366	25270
25289	25434	25460	25465	25639
25589	25607	25646	25664	25741
25761	25851	25880	25905	25939
25960	25972	26031	26035	26090
26128	26330	26345	26346	26548
26351	26395	26434	26489	

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245	341	342	407	421
434	444	488	509	549
560	612	627	657	721
740	776	876	959	1005
1009	1011	1056	1075	1089
1012	1136	1361	1348	1575
1589	1597	1614	1635	1696
1721	1736	1786	1798	1801
1803	1849	1936	2106	2124
2117	2149	2161	2189	2210
2258	2259	2284	2325	2415
2506	2542	2593	2617	2645
2709	2718	2770	2796	2862
2879	2888	2927	2959	2967
2998	3032	3126	3139	3167
3171	3214	3418	3325	3341
3247	3354	3331	3341	3409
3482	3477	3503	3516	3555
3634	3680	3718	3749	3765
3742	3808	3828	3850	3866
3945	3948	3958	4002	4031
4044	4066	4200	4208	4267
4282	4308	4368	4377	4410
4486	5106	5195	5138	5238
5275	5305	5315	5329	5365
5578	5580	5501	5510	5533
5607	5672	5650	5768	5874
5870	5907	5922	5950	5952
5974	5984	5996	6028	6135
6177	6358	6377	6399	6424
6461	6529	6562	6582	6584
6646	6666	6778	6806	6804
6843	6884	6906	6908	6911
6915	6946	6955	7019	7111
7138	7162	7289	7291	7326
7348	7400	7429	7438	7540
7549	7559	7623	7637	7665
7723	7731	7812	7905	7954
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C BONDS OF £1000 EACH

39	40	98	103	131
135	142	153	196	228
234	265	261	269	352
478	511	625	536	683
640	758	1016	1023	1048
1054	1083	1101	1178	1323
1542	1615	1822	1861	1897
1974	2034	2089	2171	2180
2196	2238	2553	2610	2631
2842	2846	2847	2848	2868
2877	3410	2935	2936	3452
2975	2986	2996	3005	3046
3111	3158	3197	3235	3289
3321	3553	3375	3405	3436
3472	3611	3607	3734	3748
3738	3771	3813	3864	3966

SUMMARY

649 A Bonds of £100 each=	£64,900
101 B Bonds of £500 each=	£95,500
80 C Bonds of £1,000 each=	£80,000
	£240,400

BANK OF ENGLAND, 11th April 1978.

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LEGAL NOTICES

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ACT 1973

Notice of Application for a Licence

I, Noel Stanley Wheeler, of Chesham House, 136 Regent Street, London W1 HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in pursuance of Section 2(1) (a) (i) of the above Act that I intend to apply to the Secretary of State for Employment for a licence to carry on an employment agency for OFFICE PERSONNEL and an employment business for OFFICE PERSONNEL, at the premises 88 Baker Street, London W1 such agency and business to be known as DRAKE PERSONNEL AND DRAKE OVERLOAD. Any person desiring to make representations as to the grant of the licence should do so in writing to the Department of Employment: EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES LICENSING SECTION, 2-16 Church Rd, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 4AW within twenty-eight days of the date of this notice:

April 21st, 1978

Signed: N. S. Wheeler

No. 0086 of 1973
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BENTORN ESTATES Limited

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND to CREDITORS is intended to be declared in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 12th May 1978 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS
Official Receiver and Liquidator
Atlantic House
Holborn Viaduct
London EC1N 2HD

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of FERNDEN (CONTRACTORS) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81-87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Thursday, the 11th day of May 1978, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1978.

N. B. CORK, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of THE FAIREY COMPANY Limited. Nature of Business: Holding company.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th March, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 11th May, 1978, at The Grand Hall, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2, at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.00 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TALLY-HO ELECTRIC Limited Nature of business: Dealers in electrical goods.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 10th April, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 11th May 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

J. J. BUTLER LIMITED
THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
I, PETER RICHARD COPP, Chartered Accountant of Messrs Stoy, Hayward & Partners, 44 Baker Street, London W1M 1DJ, give notice that I was appointed LIQUIDATOR in the above matter on 14th April 1978. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

P. R. COPP, Liquidator

In the Matter of MARDAVILLE Ltd. By order of the High Court of Justice, dated the 25th October, 1977, NEVILLE ECKLEY, F.C.A., of Pembroke House, 44 Wellesley Road, Croydon, has been appointed liquidator of the above-named company WITH A COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION.

Dated 10th April 1978.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of CLIVE DAVIES (BUILDERS) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81-87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Friday the 19th day of May 1978, at 2.15 p.m. to be followed at 2.30 p.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1978.

J. M. IREDALE, Liquidator.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of EXPORT PROMOTION & CONSULTANCY SERVICES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co, Chartered Accountants, Guildhall House, 81/87 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7DS on Wednesday, the 10th May 1978 at 2.15 pm to be followed at 2.30 pm by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1978.

O. A. WEISS, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of WILSON SHUTTERING Limited. Nature of Business: Concrete shuttering specialists.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd January 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETING:

CREDITORS 11th May 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES: On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DOONLADE Limited Nature of Business: Clothiers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th May 1978, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LP at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of REALMOUNT Limited. Nature of Business: Hoteliers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 12th May, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the 164th Stated Annual Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held within the Head Office, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 1978, at 2.30 p.m. for the following purposes:—

To consider the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 31 December 1977 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
To elect Directors.
To fix the remuneration of Directors.
To appoint Auditors.
To pass, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:—
"That the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society."
To transact any other ordinary business proper to a Stated Annual Meeting

G. A. KINGSNORTH, General Manager and Actuary.
15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh EH16 5BU.
11 April 1978.

NOTE: A Summary of the Report will be published in the Press as usual and a copy will be sent on request to any member who would like to have one.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of WOODMANS OF PINNER Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81-87 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS on Friday, the 19th day of May 1978 at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1978.

J. D. NAYLOR, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TEMCROFT BUILDERS Limited. Nature of Business: Building and carpentry contractors.

WINDING UP ORDER MADE 10th April, 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th May, 1978, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

H. W. J. CHRISTMAS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PUREFARE Limited Nature of Business: Grocers and Provisions Merchants.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 20th March 1978.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:

CREDITORS 10th May 1978, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.

CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PARAMOUNT BUILDERS (CLAPHAM) Limited, by Order of the High Court of Justice dated the 20th day of April 1978.

I, PETER RICHARD COPP, FCA of Messrs Stoy, Hayward and Partners, 44 Baker Street, London W1, have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.

Dated this 21st day of April 1978.

P. R. COPP, FCA Liquidator

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

Notice of proposed Agreement by Corporation of London with owners of land for adjustment of the boundaries in Copthall Avenue, Copthall Buildings and Angel Court, E.C.2, in the City of London.

HIGHWAYS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1961

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the above-named Act THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONDON (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") for the purpose of straightening or otherwise adjusting the boundaries of the highways maintainable at public expense known as Copthall Avenue, Copthall Buildings and Angel Court, E.C.2, in the City of London propose as the highway authority for the said highways to enter into an agreement with The Master Wardens and Commonalty of Freemen of the Art or Mystery of Clothworkers of the City of London of Clothworkers' Hall, Mincing Lane, EC3R 7AH in the City of London (1) and Electricity Supply Nominees Limited whose registered office is situate at 30 Millbank, S.W.1 in the City of Westminster (2) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Owners") which are the Owners of land adjoining or lying near to the said highways. The particulars of the proposed agreement are as follows:—

1. There shall be conveyed by the Owners to the Corporation an area of approximately 11.7 square metres adjoining the southern end of Copthall Avenue, at its junction with Copthall Buildings and being approximately 3.3 metres along the eastern boundary of Copthall Avenue projected to intersect with the northern boundary of Copthall Buildings and being approximately 3.4 metres along the northern boundary of Copthall Buildings from the aforesaid projected junction (there being a corner splay at this projected junction of approximately 0.8 metres in either direction).

2. There shall be conveyed by the Corporation to the Owners by way of exchange firstly an area of approximately 2.8 square metres within the boundaries of the highway known as Copthall Buildings and being approximately 4.0 metres long on the southern boundary thereof starting at a point 3.1 metres from its junction with the western side of Angel Court and secondly an area of approximately 8.9 square metres within the boundaries of the highways known as Copthall Buildings and Angel Court starting from a point on the eastern end of Copthall Buildings approximately 3.2 metres northwards from its junction with Angel Court and extending southwards on the eastern side of Angel Court for approximately a further 10.6 metres.

Any person who objects to the proposed Agreement may appeal to the Magistrates' Court holden at Guildhall Justice Room, Basinghall Street, E.C.2, in the City of London before the expiration of two months from the date of publication of this notice.

Any person claiming an estate right interest in or charge on the land to be conveyed by the Corporation to the Owners may claim compensation under Sub-Section (5) of Section 14 of the said Act.

A plan of the proposed adjustment of boundaries of the said highways showing the lands to be conveyed will be open for inspection free of charge at the office of the Town Clerk of the Corporation of London, Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ in the City of London from the 20th day of April One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight during the hours of 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (inclusive) until the 23rd day of June One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

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Dated the 13th day of April One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight.

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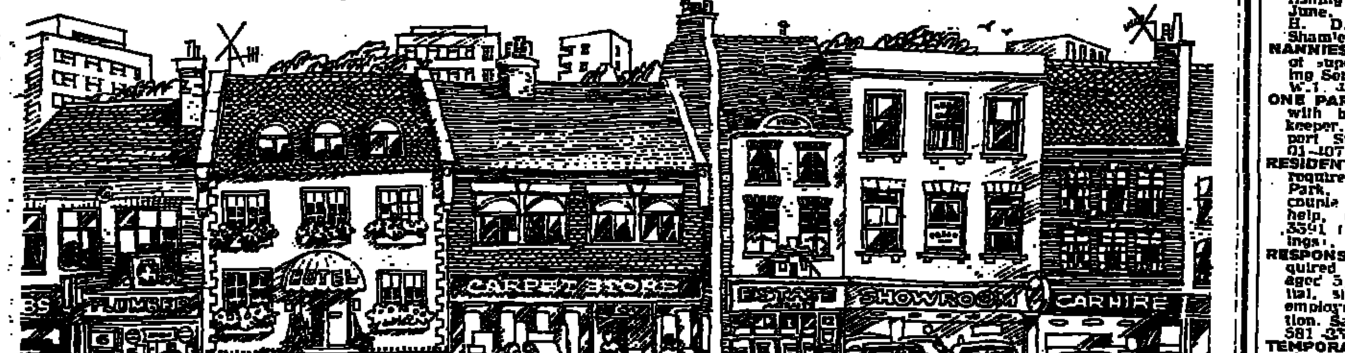
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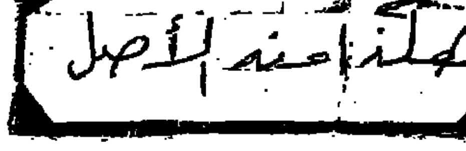
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Motoring

Detroit slims down for small-car fight

To return to the West Coast of the United States after an absence of two years and see at first hand the changing pattern of car ownership there is an educating experience.

California has long been a lucrative market for European and Japanese exporters who take the trouble to meet the stringent environmental regulations, and small cars have been a significant part of the motoring scene there for many years.

But in the main they have been sold to multi-car families and usually they have shared a garage or driveway at night with one or more domestically produced cars, often including something at least 16 feet long.

In a country which traditionally has believed that bigger meant better, the imported saloon (the more specialized sports car is an altogether different market) has not represented particularly good value in cold inches-per-dollar terms, while its better fuel economy is of less significance to overall running costs in a country where premium petrol still only costs some 35 pence per gallon.

Its appeal, therefore, has been in other areas, notably in the generally higher standard of finish and equipment than has been offered on the smaller American-produced cars and—especially among the dominant Japanese imports—a commendably good reliability record and spare parts network.

These formidable attributes have given it a status, which its lack of inches otherwise would have denied it, and so it has become the smart thing to have at least one foreign car in the family.

For those who do there is also the opportunity to claim a social consciousness at a time when energy conservation is such an important national issue, even though the initial purchase aggravates rather than eases America's foreign trade deficit.

But today the market for the imported car has extended far beyond those buyers who wanted to make a statement against Detroit-style gas-guzzling convention and, ironically, it has been partly through the efforts of American manufacturers to build more acceptably sized cars that the imports have been doing so well.

The contraction in the overall size of American cars (some are up to two feet shorter than their immediate predecessors) means that the dimensional gulf between the domestic and the imported car has narrowed appreciably to the point where each is now a candidate for the other's market.

This development has caused many an ulcer to grumble in the product planning departments of Detroit, for some of the early efforts by American car designers to think small were far from successful. Despite their vast bulk, the amount of rear-seat passenger space and luggage accommodation provided in the traditional full-size American car has often been pitifully poor, and some of the scaling down of external dimensions has been accompanied by a further and unacceptable loss of interior room, all of which has helped the importers.

But for the most part American manufacturers have been quick to rectify their faulty repackaging, and their 1978 ranges of smaller cars include some worthy opponents to their imported rivals in the new inch-war.

Already the results are showing through. March marked a big turning point, and during a 10-day period immediately before my most recent visit United States car sales rose by 36 per cent over the equivalent 1977 figure, while General Motors, helped by dealer-incentive schemes from four of their five manufacturing divisions, showed an improvement of almost 62 per cent and recorded the best 20-day sales total in their history.

After an initial sales depression when, in the aftermath of the oil crisis, a temporary boom in small-car sales was followed by a return in demand for "full size" models, the trend to smaller domestically produced cars is now firmly established.

You see it on the freeways and in the parking lots. Ignore everything over a year old and you see that the average car is, perhaps, barely a foot longer than a typical full-size European car after it has sprouted its "Californian" bumpers. Furthermore, the downward trend will continue, and by 1980 the traditional-size Detroit giant will have become something of an oddity.

I was particularly interested to notice the preponderance of "new" size American cars in the lots of the various car-hire companies at Los Angeles airport. But old habits die hard. When I called at the Avis desk to pick up my car (I had ordered a compact) and the girl telephoned through my requirements, I added frivolously. "Tell him I'll take the best one he's got". Back came the reply: "how would you like a nice big Fury for the price of a compact?".

I appreciated the helpful response, but realized that it will take more than the concerted efforts of the American automobile industry to lay low that ingrained belief that best usually means biggest. "You'd be surprised", added the girl, "how many hirers still seem to think that way".

This being the case, it is perhaps as well that the industry, in responding to the high level of imports (2,072,390 cars in 1977) has decided to force customers to think small by the simple expedient of building small.

Although the going will undoubtedly get tougher for the importers, the United States market must remain an important one for European and Japanese manufacturers, the more so as the American buyer becomes more used to placing specification before country of origin. The tragedy is that Britain, which did so much to open up this market in the first place, scarcely figures in it today outside of the sports and luxury car fields.

The Mini lives on

One of the least comprehensive decisions of the previous British Leyland management was to give top priority to a Mini-replacement which would fall somewhere between the existing models and the rival "Superminis" in size. If Leyland are to remain a high-volume producer, they have to woo the fleet operator, and you do not do that with a car smaller than the Ford Fiesta, VW Polo, Renault R5 or Fiat 127.

For more central to the company's recovery is the Allegro/Marina replacement codenamed LC10. I doubt whether the letters "LC" stand for Leyland Cortina, but, if they do, the design brief is on target, for that is the car which most of all it will be up against.

Meanwhile, the next Mini has been the subject of a major rethink, and just in time. If you are as late as Leyland will be into this market you have to arrive with something better (and in this context that could mean something bigger) than the established opposition.

I would hope, therefore, that Leyland's new Mini proves to be somewhere between Fiesta and Escort in size, and that it will run alongside the current Mini for an indefinite period, rather than replace it. If it is a little over 12ft long it would fit neatly between today's 10ft-plus Mini and an LC10 of presumably about 14ft overall length.

In absolute terms, Sir Alec Issigonis' Mini, nearly 19 years after introduction is old hat, and its once endearing features have long since become shortcomings. Its mechanism is not particularly refined, its boot space is abysmal, its driving position is quaint and its ride is distinctly choppy. But, for all that, it remains for many a highly acceptable car, and even today it enjoys a cachet which no other small car can claim.

As a recent week with a Clubman saloon reminded me, the car is surprisingly nippy of the mark (the torque of the 1100cc engine of this model is particularly good), highly manoeuvrable, and so compact that with its very positive steering can be threaded into small gaps in crowded streets with reassuring precision. At 35mpg in town and well over 40mpg on a run it is also pleasingly economical.

Compared with those spartan early examples, a Clubman today is full of little refinements to camouflage the car's age. Face-level air vents, reclining front seats, tinted glass, rear-screen heater, padded dashboard and steering wheel, and, on the test car, optional Dunlop Denovo tyres on wide-rim wheels, are a far cry from the Mini of old. The Denovos' incidentally, seem well suited to the Mini's tenacious handling, and even in a run-flat condition they offer such good steering control that you can scarcely detect a deflation apart from the very slight lean to one side.

At prices ranging from £1,990 for the 850 to £2,590 for the 1275 GT (the Clubman saloon retails for £2,321) the Mini range is competitively priced by contemporary standards, yet is probably being sold at profitably as at any time in its career (for years BMC sold the car at a loss without realizing or admitting it).

One is prompted to ask whether anything could be done to it to enhance its appeal without incurring heavy retooling costs. Certainly a further softening of the rubber-cone suspesion would be beneficial, as would a vertically adjustable steering column, perhaps with a slightly smaller steering wheel. A quieter heater fan would be appreciated, and perhaps the option of additional sound absorption for those wiling to sacrifice a little performance for a few less decibels.

But one thing about the Mini must never be changed—its character. There will never be another car quite like it. In 1959 it brought about a revolution in small-car design and its concept is as valid today as it was at its inception. Certainly, one day—and as soon as is practicable—it must be supplemented, if possible by a car which once again will break new ground. But surely it is far too early to talk of its replacement.

John Blunsden

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BBC 1

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5.40 News. 5.55, Nationwide.
6.55 Tomorrow's World.
7.20 Top of the Pops.
8.05 Wildlife on One: Last Chance for the Grevy?
8.30 Happy Ever After.
9.00 Labour Party political broadcast.
9.10 News.
9.35 Ronnie Corbett.
10.20 The Prince of Wales presents Face Values: The Human Frame.
11.10 Tonight.
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BBC 2 SCOTLAND: 9.00-9.10 pm, Political Broadcast, Labour Party in Scotland.

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6.40 am, Open University: Television and Politics—Britain (1). 7.05, The Roaring Silence. 7.30-7.55, Biscuits (1). 11.00-11.25, Play School. 3.10, Snooker. 4.55, Open University: Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure. 5.20, Control: A school Experiment. 5.45, The Novel and TV (1). 6.10, Complex Human Ecosystems (2). 6.35, Pearl Harbour. 7.00, News Headlines.
7.05 The Engineers.
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9.00 As BBC 1.
9.10 Law and Order, A Prisoner's Tale.
10.35 Men of Ideas. Philosophy: The Social Context.
11.20 News.
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5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Charlie's Angels.
8.00 Get Some In!
8.30 Armchair Thriller: Quiet as a Nun.
9.00 Labour Party political broadcast.
9.10 What's On Next?
9.40 This Week.
10.10 News.
10.40 Mavis — Wanting to Know.
11.10 Drive-In.
11.40 Elaine.
12.10 am, What the Papers Say.
12.25 Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Tarzan (r). 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Emmerdale Farm. 7.30, Challenge of the Sexes. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Man and Woman. 11.10, Gardening. 11.40-12.40 am, Police Woman.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Dynomutt. 4.45, The Lost Islands. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Hawaii Five-O. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, The Practice. 11.10, People Rule: 11.55, Southern News. 12.05 am, What the Papers Say. 12.25, Weather. Epilogue.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Get Some In! 7.30, Danger in Paradise. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, What's On. 11.10, What the papers Say. 11.40-12.30 am, The Untouchables.*
* Black and white.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Westward Report. 11.10, Film, Shadow on the Land, with Jackie Cooper, John Forsythe, Gene Hackman, Carol Lynley. 12.45 am, Faith for Life.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North-East News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Clue Club. 4.45, The Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, The Bionic Woman. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Double Top. 11.20, Battleground. 11.50, Man and Woman. 12.20 am, Epilogue.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Elephant Boy. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 9.00, Vision USA. 9.10, Thames. 10.42, In Search of. 11.10, Film: Shadow on the Land. 12.45 am, News.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Beryl's Lot. 4.20, Planet of the Apes. 4.45, Breaktime. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, Get Some In. 7.05, Mr and Mrs. 7.35, Granada. 8.30, Thames. 10.45, Callery. 11.15-12.10 am, Dan August. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.20, Miri Mawr. 4.45, Wsibethna. 6.00-6.18, Y Dydd. 6.35-7.05, Sports Arena. 10.45-11.15, Book Review. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.18-6.35, Report West.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Rocket Robin Hood. 4.45, Black Beauty (r). 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Enterprise. 7.30, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Jasper Carrott. 11.10, The Streets of San Francisco. 12.10 am, Man and Woman. 12.40, The Living Word.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Emergency. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Danger in Paradise. 11.40-12.10 am, Man and Woman.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Lassie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Bionic Woman. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Police Woman. 11.40, Man and Woman. 12.10 am, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 10.40, Music in Camera. 11.10, Reflections. 11.15, Baretta. 12.10-12.35 am, Stars on Ice.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.20, Dynomutt. 4.45, Little House on the Prairie. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, The Bionic Woman. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Counterpoint. 11.10, Hogan's Heroes. 11.35, Living and Growing. 12.00, Old House, New Home. 12.25-12.35 am, Bedtime.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Teatime Tales. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Garnock Way. 7.00, ATV. 8.30, Thingummyjig. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Something Special. 11.40, Man and Woman. 12.10 am, Late Call. 12.15-12.40, Star Maidens.

Radio

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5.00 am, News: Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.30, Country Club.† 9.02, Folkweave.† 9.55, Sportsdesk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Brian Matthew. 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

2
5.00 am, News. 5.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† 10.27, Racing bulletin.† 10.30, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Country Club.† 9.02, Radio 1. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, Funny You Should Ask. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02 am, News.

3
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Boyce, Delius, Haydn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Beethoven, Strauss, Kodaly.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Obrecht and De La Rue.† 9.50, Edinburgh Festival 1977, part 1: Britten, Schubert.† 10.40, In Short. 10.50, Concert, part 2: Schumann, Brahms.† 11.30, Concert, part 1: Moniuszko, Chopin.† 12.10 pm, Reading. 12.15, Concert, part 2: Andriessen, Szymanowski. 1.00, News. 1.05, Tokyo String quartet: Bartok, Ravel.† 2.10, Oberon, opera by Vranicky, act 1.† 2.55, Words... 3.00, Oberon, Acts 2 and 3.† 3.50, Classical Music of Thailand.† 4.40, The Paul Bacher Commissions: Martinu.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, What Right Have You Got? 7.00, Land—a Resource. 7.20, Shostakovich concert, part 1.† 8.25, Music therapy, talk by Bryce Morrison. 8.40, Shostakovich, part 2. 9.25, Sierra Leone short story. 10.00, Italian String Trio: Mozart, Beethoven.† 10.45, Play: Webster's Revenge, by Margaret Hollingsworth.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

4
6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.35, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Records. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, With Great Pleasure: Diana Rigg. 11.45, Yekel Yarns. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Just a Minute. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.10, Questions to the Prime Minister. 3.35, Wildlife. 4.00, News. 4.05, Jack De Manio. 4.35, Story: Mansfield Park. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, Brain of Britain. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Checkpoint. 7.45, Nunaga, story of Duncan Pryde. 8.30, James Cameron. 8.45, Analysis: Sir Arnold Weinstock in conversation. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Any Answers? 11.00, A Book at Bedtime: Brighton Rock. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 12.00, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

DODD.—On 26th April at Queen Charlotte's, to Penny (nee Sillars) and Joe—a son, a brother for Matthew.

GARDINER.—On April 20th, at Tucson, Arizona, USA, to Catherine and David—a daughter, a sister for Miranda.

LAMBERT.—On April 13th at Westminster Hospital, to Drs. Angela (nee Barnes) and Robert Lambert—a son (Richard).

MODRZEJEWSKI (Modray).—On April 25 at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to Sonia and Maxwell—a daughter (Katherine Sarah Anna), a sister for Justin and Sophie.

MONTEUUIS.—On April 24th, to Joanna (nee Denner) and Anthony—a daughter (Alice) a sister for Christina.

PACKARD.—On April 25th at the Avenue Clinic, to Veronica (nee Bird) and Richard—a son (Rupert Alexander).

SHAW.—On April 13th, to Francesca (nee Wilkinson) and Mark—a daughter (Melissa Beatrice), a sister for Zerynthia.

WATERS.—On April 25th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carolyne and Roger—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

CRAWLEY : RENDEL.—On Saturday, 22nd April, 1978, at St. Mary's Church, Alderbury, John Crawley and Jane Rendel.

KATYKOVA : LEWIS.—On April 22nd at Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, Nadia Katykova, of Bratislava to Gavin Lewis, of London, New York.

WATTS : HEMPHILL.—At Kilodiernan Church, Puckane, on 22nd April, 1978, Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Watts, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, to Alison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. H. Hemphill, of Puckane, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

DEATHS

DANIELS.—On 24th April, John, beloved husband of Rosamund and father of Marion Gee, of Church Hall House, Bovey Tracey, Devon. Funeral private.

EDSER.—Suddenly, on April 25th, John Edser, of 60, Uplands Avenue, NW2, beloved husband of Betty. Funeral 11.45 am Wednesday 3rd of May, at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel.

GOWER.—On Monday, April 24th, 1978, peacefully in hospital, Lady Helen Margaret Gower, of Kilgerran, Wargrave Road, Henley on Thames, widow of Sir Patrick Gower, KBE, CB, CBE. Funeral service on Wednesday, 3rd May, 3.30 pm, at Henley Road Crematorium, Caversham, Reading. No flowers by request but donations please to The Hon Organiser, Cancer Research Campaign, Pest Field, 9 Rotherfield Road, Henley on Thames. All enquiries to Camberley and District Funeral Services Ltd. Tel. Camberley 33241.

HAMILTON, ANN (nee Barrow).—Beloved wife of Alan, tragically, on April 11th, aged 29 years. London: New York.

JAQUET.—On 25th April, 1978, Brian Sidney Jaquet, M.A., LL.B., aged 75 years, beloved husband of Mollie, and dear father of Rosanna. Cremation at Golders Green, on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 2.5 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Solicitors Benevolent Association. Enquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd. 01-794 3335.

LIKIERMAN. Olga (nee Heidenbusch) on 23rd April at Sutherland Nursing Home. Private cremation on 27th April. No flowers, please.

LLOYD. JOSEPH LANCASTER (JOE), aged 37, on April 18th. Much loved by Diana. Son of the late Norma Lloyd (Garwood) and A. L. Lloyd. Half-brother of Jenny Stein, uncle of Jeremy, Lyndall, Harriet and Alexandra.

LOWENTHAL, WILLIAM.—On 25th April, at home, deeply mourned by his sons Norman and Ronald. Funeral will be held today, Thursday, 12.15 p.m. at Bushey Park.

MACKESSACK.—On April 22nd, 1978, at Ardgye, near Elgin, Morayshire, after a long illness, borne with great courage, Joy, wife of Lieut. Col. Kenneth Mackessack. No letters, please.

MACKINTOSH.—On April 25th, 1978, suddenly, Eric D. Mackintosh, of Brooke House, Norfolk, dearly loved husband of Gwen, father of Ian, Jill and Anthony, and beloved grandfather. Family funeral, family flowers only: donations to Friends of Norwich Cathedral, 73 The Close, Norwich, if desired. Date of memorial service to be announced.

NEWMAN.—On 23rd April 1978, at Devizes, Cyril Thomas, aged 87 years, of 5 Gaisford Chase, Worton, Devizes. Cremation at Bristol Crematorium, Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bristol, 2.20 p.m. Friday, 28th April.

ROBERTSON, GERTRUDE JENNINGS.—On April 21st, 1978, peacefully, in her 86th year, after a long illness, borne with the most uncomplaining courage. Very beloved mother of Mary Ide Warlow-Harry and grandmother of Hilary, Kester, Christopher and Felicity, great-grandmother of James, Mickey and Camilla.

ROCHFORD.—Canon Clement, on April 24th, 1978, in his 81st year, peacefully in his sleep, brother of Leonard and Sydney, friend of many. Requiem Mass 11 am, 3rd May, St Joseph's Church, Waltham Cross, Herts. Interment approximately 1 pm, St Patrick's RC cemetery, Leytonstone. Flowers, please, to Reverend Mother, St. Joseph's Convent, Hertingfordbury, Herts. R.I.P.

TOLSON, RONALD HENRY, aged 85, of 13 High Point, Heath Road, Weybridge, Surrey (formerly of Ilkley, Yorkshire), suddenly, on the 21st April, 1978 (many years on from his Blighties). A much loved and gallant gentleman.

TOPPIN.—On April 21st, at a London hospital, suddenly in his 65th year, Philip Aubrey Trevelyan, second son of the late Aubrey John Toppin, C.V.O., Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, and Agnes Louise Toppin. Funeral private. No flowers or letters, please.

WILLIAMS.—On 23rd April, suddenly at her home, Marie Tasker, of La Providence, Rochester. Funeral service at Rochester Cathedral, Wednesday, 3rd May, 1.15 p.m., followed by Cremation. Flowers to W. Naylar & Son, 92 Delce Road, Rochester.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ROSS-WILLIAMSON, HUGH.—Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Hugh Ross-Williamson will be offered at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 29th April, in the Holy Souls' Chapel, Westminster Cathedral, at the request of the Latin Mass Society.

TWEEDSMUIR.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Baroness Tweedsmuir of Belhelvie will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at 12 noon today.

WATT.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Susan Watt will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Greens Norton, Towcester, on Saturday, 27th May, at 2.45 p.m.

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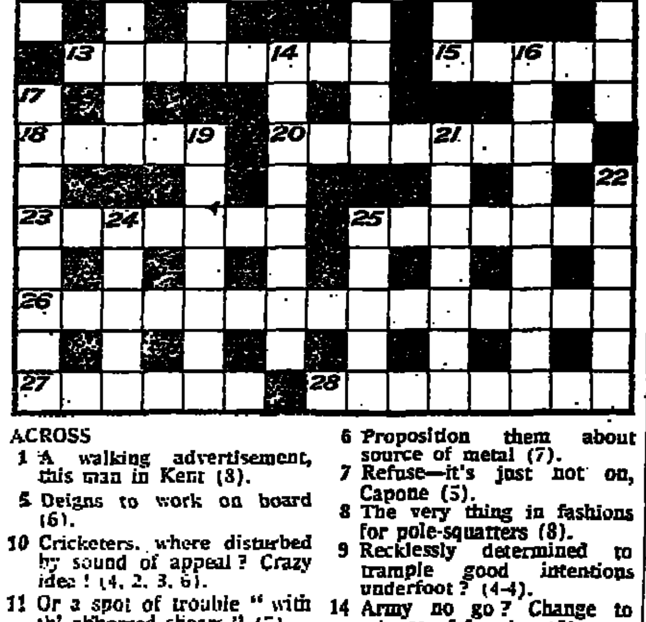
HOLDSWORTH-HUNT, Lt.-Col., CLAUDE, 5th Fusiliers, who died 25th April, 1977. Remembered always. R.

PHILLIPS, GODFREY S. P., killed in action, H.M.S. Patia, 27th April, 1941, aged 20, pilot Fleet Air Arm, R.N.V.R. His father, Morris G.P., 27th March, 1951 (ex-pilot Royal Flying Corps). His mother, Gretta (nee Wharton), 2nd February, 1967.—N.

HANSON, HARRY, April 27th, 1971. He enriched life.

RAWLINS, HIS HON JUDGE PETER, died April 27th, 1977, lovingly remembered by his family.—E. R.

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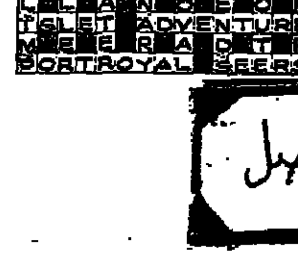
ACROSS

1 A walking advertisement, this man in Kent (8).
5 Deigns to work on board (6).
10 Cricketers, where disturbed by sound of appeal? Crazy idea! (4, 2, 3, 6).
11 Or a spot of trouble "with th' abhorred shears" (7).
12 Garland after new role, the Rhine Maiden (7).
13 To remove wrinkles reduce number of stitches (8).
15 Little time to contend with it in the cinema (5).
18 Theatre part you once went in for (5).
20 Ant-bears maybe to solve Hamelin's problem (8).
23 How can mankind be so brutal? (7).
25 One scheme to restyle underwear (7).
26 With 10 to put butter in a watch? (3, 2, 1, 5, 4).
27 This besides is terrible—cut it out (6).
28 Like the boastful words of the Big Bad Wolf (8).

DOWN

1 US underground as a rule without tube's central feature (6).
2 No party man goes without changing tie—bad publicity (9).
3 Gallery rumour? (7).
4 Dainties consumed in the Civil Service (5).
6 Proposition them about source of metal (7).
7 Refuse—it's just not on, Capone (5).
8 The very thing in fashions for pole-squatters (8).
9 Recklessly determined to trample good intentions underfoot? (4-4).
14 Army no go? Change to science of farming (8).
16 Opening one after time for air (9).
17 Business is in fade-out, it's declared (8).
19 Egypt's leader entertained in gunners' mess (7).
21 Trees along the coast, we hear (7).
22 Here is the donkey's tail, somewhat unorthodox (6).
24 Owned quarters in the underworld (5).
25 Rumanian song (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,884



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